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RAT -VE IN ALL SYMPTOMATIC CASES NEED RT-PCR TEST: GOVT

Covid symptomatic persons must be administered RT-PCR tests if their Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) results are negative

WHAT ABOUT ASYMPTOMATIC CASES?

Apart from symptomatic persons, those who were asymptomatic at the time of the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT), but developed symptoms within the next two to three days, must also be administered the RT-PCR test. In a letter to the states, the Centre said, "This is to ensure that symptomatic negative cases don't remain untested and don't spread the disease" | P9

MECHANISM TO MONITOR RAT RESULTS

The Centre has also urged the states to set up a monitoring mechanism at the district and state levels to analyse RAT results. The directive comes amid concerns that the current spike in Covid-19 cases across India could be the result of over-reliance on RATs which misses positive cases about 50% of the time

95,735

FRESH COVID CASES IN INDIA BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

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SC'S WHIP

Centre sets up panel to assess waiving interest on interest

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HOURS after the Supreme Court gave the Centre two more weeks to frame its position on the loan moratorium, the Union Finance Ministry constituted an expert committee to make an overall assessment on waiver of interest on interest.

The committee will be chaired by former Comptroller and Auditor General of India Rajiv Mehrishi and will have Ravindra H Dholakia, former member of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee, and B Sriram, former managing director of SBI and IDBI Bank, as members.

The panel will submit its report in a week.

Earlier in the day, the Supreme Court extended its previous order on loan moratorium, saying accounts that have not been declared non-performing assets (NPAs) as on August 31 cannot be declared as such until further notice. The inter-

im order will continue until the next hearing on September 28.

A bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan, while giving the Centre time to make a decision, said the court is inclined to pass an order against charging interest on interest as it viewed it as a penal interest.

During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought time to file a comprehensive affidavit on the decisions taken so far. The bench accepted his plea and asked him to place all decisions taken by the RBI and the banks before it for further consideration.

"A decision must be taken after considering the interest of all classes of creditors and all the sectors of the economy," the court told Mehta.

Initially, the bench was keen to pass an interim order, but it refrained from doing so after the Centre and the banks' association requested the judges not to do so.

Jaishankar, Wang discuss LAC flare-up

India stresses need for peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control with China

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

AMID the ongoing face-off between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday met his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Moscow and stressed the need for peace and tranquility on the border. The much awaited bilateral talks went on for close to three hours.

Sources said both sides put forward their respective stands on the prickly issue, with Jaishankar emphasising that Indian troops had never transgressed the LAC. An official statement on the outcome of the meeting is still awaited.

This was their first face-to-face meeting after the June 15 violent stand-off between Indian and Chinese troops. The two ministers had a telephonic conversation a day later.

Tensions escalated further on Monday with both sides accusing each other of opening gunfire on the southern bank of the Pangong Tso. India and China have an agreement in place since 1996, which prohibits the use of firearms within a 2-km radius of the LAC.

Earlier in the day, the foreign ministers of Russia, India and China (RIC) had a luncheon meeting, where, sources said, the LAC situation did not come up for discussion. However, a RIC joint statement said all topical regional and international issues were discussed.

"The Ministers exchanged views on further strengthening of Russia-India-China trilateral cooperation as well as topical issues of international and regional importance, in the spirit of mutual understanding, friendship and trust. The Ministers noted that common de-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar (L) and his Russian and Chinese counterparts Sergey Lavrov and Wang Yi, ahead of the RIC meeting, in Moscow on Wednesday | P11

AGGRESSIVE LINE IN CHINESE GOVT MOUTHPIECE

"Facts have proven that Indian nationalist forces yield to coercion, but not to persuasion. They very much need another lesson in failure before believing that China's commitment to long-term border peace is not weakness," Chinese govt mouthpiece Global Times said in an editorial

velopment and cooperation of the three countries is conducive to promoting global growth, peace and stability," the statement said.

The Jaishankar-Wang meet comes close on the heels of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meeting his Chinese counterpart Wei Fenghe on the side-

lines of the SCO defence ministers' meeting.

Both sides have kept both military and diplomatic communications open. While there have been five corps commander-level talks and another one likely in the near future, the special representatives of the two countries and foreign ministers have held telephonic conversations after June 15.

Meanwhile, Rajnath Singh, in an apparent barb at China, said the formal induction of Rafale jets by India is a stern message to the entire world, especially those targeting India's sovereignty.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar had bilateral talks with the foreign ministers of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan before participating in the SCO foreign ministers' meeting. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said the meeting reviewed preparations for the upcoming SCO summit and also discussed various regional and global issues. P9



Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan tests positive

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

Total active cases in state breach 1-lakh mark

9,217 Test Positive on Thursday

129 Today's Deaths
7,021 Fresh Discharges

TOTAL CASES 4,30,947
6,937 Total Deaths
3,22,454 Total Discharges

FULL COVERAGE P4

Proposal to reopen schools draws mixed reaction from states

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SEPTEMBER 21. That is from when schools can partially reopen, as per the Unlock 4.0 guidelines issued by the Centre. However, not all states are comfortable with the idea. Parents across the board are wary because of the pandemic though some senior students are upbeat.

While Delhi and Congress-ruled Punjab turned it down, southern states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Telangana appear to be sitting on the fence for now. According to TN school education minister K A Sengottaiyan, any decision on reopening shall be taken only after there is some relief from the pandemic.

Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, too, are yet to make up their minds. However, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand are gearing up to open schools for students of classes 9-12.

As for Kerala, it will take up the matter at a state cabinet meeting on September 16. According to experts, it is inevitable that schools will have to open soon. "Online mode cannot replace the traditional classroom teaching method completely. Hence students, especially in higher classes, can be allowed to get guidance from teachers on an individual basis at schools," said noted educationist R V G Menon.

Karnataka plans to announce its own guidelines shortly. According to S Suresh Kumar, minister for primary and secondary education, the state government has already taken steps for facilitating regular student-teacher interaction. "Not just of 9-10, children of all classes are engaged through Vidyagama," he said. Vidyagama is a programme under which teachers meet students in their neighbourhood to conduct activities and clear their doubts.

In Andhra Pradesh, the government is "mulling whether to ask teachers of all subjects to come every day in the regu-

lar school hours or whether to have specific days for specific subjects," said Principal Secretary (Education) B Rajasekhara. Neighbouring Telangana and Maharashtra are yet to take their call. "A decision will be made based on the situation," said R Rohini, District Education Officer of Hyderabad.

Odisha doesn't have plans to open schools anytime soon. All educational institutions in the state have been directed to remain closed till Durga Puja.

Delhi, too, is wary. "Many parents requested us not open schools. I want to assure all of you that schools will remain closed till we are fully in control of the coronavirus," Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had



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COUNCIL CEASES

Gaurav Gupta named BBMP administrator

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WITH the term of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP) council ending on Thursday, the State Government has appointed senior IAS officer Gaurav Gupta as administrator. This is the third time the BBMP has come under an administrator ever since it was formed in 2007. Gupta, a 1990 batch IAS officer, who is also Principal Secretary (Industries and Commerce), will hold concurrent charge for now.

Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayana reasoned that since the councillors' term has ended and fresh elections are some time away, the civic body will need an administrator, specially at a time when the city is experiencing rain havoc.

Additional Chief Secretary Rakesh Singh told *TNIE* that the process of conducting the council election is on, but due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation, it is difficult to do so. Also, a separate Act for the governance of Bengaluru is being planned and all these will require some time before elections can be held, he said.

In 2015, the present Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar had served as BBMP administrator before the council elections were held. The ward reservation was announced in April and election notification was issued in August that year. Results were declared on August 25, and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were elected in September. Under Section 315 of Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, an administrator can be appointed in the absence of a full-fledged council.



PRAYING BEFORE PREYING

Priests from Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Christian communities perform 'Sarva Dharma Puja' during the induction ceremony of the Rafale jets, at the Indian Air Force base in Ambala, Haryana, on Thursday | P11 | REPORT: P9

K'TAKA PLANS TOUGHER ANTI-DRUG LAWS

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THE State Government is holding consultations with legal experts, including senior faculty of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, on giving more teeth to the laws against drug peddling.

"I have held discussions with legal experts on strengthening the anti-drug laws and will also discuss it with the Law Minister," Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters. The government will take the ongoing drive against drug peddling in the state to a logical end, he added.

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) police, who are investigating the case, "will not spare anyone involved in the drug trade, even if they are highly influential people," he said. While the CCB is probing the drug case, allegedly involving some members of the Kannada film fraternity, the state police have launched a massive drive against drug peddling over the last few days.



Police officials stack up the massive 1,350-kg haul of seized cannabis, at the Police Commissioner's Office in Bengaluru on Thursday | SHRIRAM RN

Big bust: Cops seize 1.3 tons of ganja

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru/Kalaburagi

IN a major undercover operation, a team of Bengaluru's Seshadripuram police has unearthed a whopping 1.35 ton haul of ganja worth Rs 6 crore in Kalaburagi.

The police team, stringing two recent arrests and seizures of ganja in Bengaluru, got a lead about a massive operation under way in Kalaburagi. About 1.2 tons of ganja in 600 bags were hidden in a sump at a farmhouse in Kuridoddi locality of Lakshman Naik thanda in Kalagi town, Kalaburagi district. The sump was covered and horticulture crops grown over it. P5

EXPRESS READ

Ensure oxygen supply to hospitals, DCs told

Bengaluru: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday instructed all Deputy Commissioners to have better coordination among the districts, and ensure that there is no shortage of oxygen at Covid-designated hospitals, after Maharashtra stopped its supply to Karnataka. P4

Govt considers raising borrowing targets

New Delhi: As revenue collection sees no sign of recovery, the Centre is considering options to borrow more during the fiscal, beyond the revised target of ₹12 lakh crore, Finance Ministry sources said. Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund on Thursday said there is a need for another stimulus in India. P12

ED may look into money laundering angle

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THE Sandalwood drug racket has caught the attention of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as some of the accused in the case are allegedly involved in money laundering. The ED officials, who met senior officers of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Thursday, are believed to have exchanged information about the case.

Sources said a team of ED officials arrived at the CCB office on Thursday morning and held discussions with senior officers regarding the drugs case. "As some of the accused, who have been arrested in the case, were arranging lavish parties across the country and sourced narcotics from abroad, huge money has changed hands," a source said. P5

REVISED CENTRAL ADVISORY ON HOLDING EXAMS

Ahead of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test next week, the Centre on Thursday issued a revised SOP, which said that the discretion of whether or not to allow a Covid symptomatic candidate to write the test will lie with the examination authorities | P9

With this issue city's best weekend guide
30 PAGES, INCLUDING 16 OF INDULGE (TABLOID)



Rain havoc continues, underpass under water

For two days, vehicles have been forced to take a one kilometre detour to avoid the road which is six feet under

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

HEAVY downpour in the last couple of days left Kodigehalli underpass in Byatarayanapura with six feet of water, disrupting traffic on Wednesday and Thursday.

Motorists from Sahakar Nagar, Kodigehalli, Tindlu and Virupakashapura could not use the underpass due to the severe waterlogging, and many had to take a one kilometre-long detour to use the next underpass.

The Kodigehalli underpass was built by the Constructions Division of the South Western Railway but a drain was left incomplete due to delay by the BBMP in handing over land. "Land was finally acquired earlier this year and construction of the drain began. We completed 70 metres and 60 metres still remains. However, work stopped completely due to corona. With no drain in place, rain water accumulated because there was no outlet," explained a top railway official.

Railway officials said Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board officials thwarted

their attempts to pump out water on Thursday.

Another official said Railways went to the spot to clear the water with three mammoth pumps. "We began working this morning and pumped out the water to a nearby drain. A couple of hours later BWSSB staff came and prevented us from carrying out the work. Work was stalled for nearly six hours," he said.

BWSSB engineers did not respond to repeated calls.

Finding no way out, the Constructions staff approached the Bengaluru Divisional Manager Ashok Kumar Verma. "He permitted us to use the services of the RPF. With the support of the railway police, we continued to pump the water out," the official said.

RPF cops confirmed to the TNIE that they were at the spot to ensure railway officials could carry out their job.

A railway official who was there at the spot, said, "By Friday afternoon, the water will be cleared. Traffic will be restored by evening after completion of slit clearance work," he said.



(Above) Rain water damaged vehicles and houses after the retaining wall of a storm water drain collapsed due to heavy rain on Wednesday night in Pramod Layout near Nayandahalli; (right) Kodigehalli underpass remains submerged on Thursday | SHIRAM BN



EXPRESS READ

Auto, taxi drivers seek 6-month tax exemption

Bengaluru: Transport unions met Transport Minister Laxman Savadi on Wednesday seeking a six-month extension of the exemption on payment of road and motor vehicle tax. The Transport department had waived off the tax until June and deferred payment until September 31. Tanveer Pasha, president of Ola Uber Drivers and Owners Association said the move was required since only 2.14 lakh cab and auto drivers had received the Rs 5,000 one-time compensation from the government. "We have asked that only driving license be used to give compensation to the remaining 30,000 drivers," Tanveer said. **ENS**

Govt taking forward Kempegowda's vision for Bengaluru, says DyCM

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DEPUTY Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayana said the state government is taking forward the vision of Kempegowda, the founder of Bengaluru, to improve the city.

A 108-ft statue of the Vijayanagara chieftain is coming up near the international airport and the Kempegowda Development Authority is constructing a huge park in the city, he said during a programme to present the Kempegowda Awards on Thursday.

He added that the BBMP council has approved the installation of a Kempegowda statue in Majestic and the government will implement it soon.

The DyCM said the BBMP council elections will be held and the government will also announce an administrator.

On columnist and RSS mem-

ber Santosh Tammaiah getting the KG Award, outgoing Mayor M Goutham Kumar said the awards are based on a selection by a committee on the works done for the government and during the pandemic.

The ceremony was organised by the BBMP and 33 people chosen from various fields like medicine, administration,

social works, sports and literature, were awarded.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad said that the awards were delayed this year because of the pandemic. Measures were taken to create rainwater collection points on road sides so that water flows down and roads do not get damaged.



Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and Mayor Goutham Kumar with BBMP officials who received the Kempegowda Award for being corona warriors

TRAVEL DIARIES

Railways moo-ves hooved travellers by train

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

AT 2.10 am on Thursday, a few unusual commuters arrived via a goods train at Bangarpet Railway Station, Kolar, from Sonapat in Haryana. A herd of 81 cows and 45 calves travelled for three days, making their way across states in six wagons.

These are no ordinary cows either, the high-quality HF cows were purchased by a Kolar-based dairy farm, Sekel

Diary. A senior official of the Delhi Railway Division, said, "It is definitely an unusual consignment we dispatched to Bengaluru on September 7, and as far as I remember, we have not transported so many animals via rail. Livestock is usually moved by road."

He added, "We had to get written clearances from both the state and the central governments. The seller and buyer also had to produce documents,



which we cross-checked."

A source said that these superior quality cows cost Rs 1.5 lakh each, and can generate

anywhere between 40 to 50 litres of milk per day. The cows have been offloaded and sent via trucks to the farm.

A total of 24 horses were shipped via another goods train from Bengaluru to Jaipur on Tuesday, said E Vijaya, chief public relations officer, South Western Railway. "They were sent after a special request by the Army Service Corps Training Centre, and transported in three parcel vans," she said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

11th September: If you were reading earlier in the week you'll remember I asked if it is important whether we call our Moon a planet or not. The quick answer is 'no'. What's far more important is the way in which its gravity affects not only the daily tides but the earth's long-term movements, which in turn have a massive impact on major climate cycles - and hence the world as we know it.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You're bound to find the most affection coming from people you have known for some time, and to whom you might even be related. In turn, your energy could be directed primarily to professional contacts. You might misunderstand chance comments though, so don't over-react.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Venus, lady of love, is the planet to watch today, and by all accounts you should spare no effort in your drive to restore contacts with loved ones from the distant past or far away countries. You may have been stung by a partner's harsh words, but that only reinforces your determination.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Do yourself a favour and spend a little extra on loved ones today. The way to someone's heart is through your wallet, so don't stint when it comes to little gifts and mementoes of your esteem. If you get someone on your side now, they could become the most loyal of supporters.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The Moon's passionate presence gives you an emotional edge today. With just a little additional subtlety you will be able to manoeuvre yourself into whatever personal situation you desire. A partner's consent will be necessary, but it should be forthcoming.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You should do your best to put all bad feeling behind you, realising that what's done is done, and that you have to get on with the future. You may now feel happiest in the company of people you've known for a long time, or friends who are capable of arousing emotional intensity.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Nobody is currently prepared to put in as much effort as you. Your main skill at the moment is to pick up on the vital details that tend to elude lovers and partners. But if you get too closely involved with colleagues then you might be infected by their amazing ability to create confusion.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Your home and family commitments have been weighing on your shoulders for some time now, but all the signs are that you're at the end of the tunnel. It's a marvellous moment to open new contacts, contemplate fresh options and make optimistic plans for the future.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Today's emotional alignments should convince you that the world is on your side, boosting your morale in the process. With your new-found confidence, you should spend at least some of your valuable time planning an emotional adventure. Also, keep half an eye on ethical issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Given that today offers some wonderful business options, you may use the opportunity to be as generous as you can. You might still be suffering from doubts in at least one relationship, but these will diminish over the coming few days. An older relation's support should come in handy.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You may do well to surrender the initiative and follow other people's lead in spite of what some of you believe. You have had it your own way much of the time, and colleagues should now be encouraged to have a crack of the whip. You need to trust that they can succeed, and that may not be easy!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Communication has been a little rough lately, but you have a good chance now to cement a relationship and confirm your plans. You don't have to keep your feelings to yourself for very much longer. You may find willing listeners today, so choose your words with care.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You are now entering a transitional stage between two social phases, and today's developments may help you clarify current commitments and plan future engagements. You should be in a mind that next week, others will be forced to listen to your ideas.

THE PHANTOM



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Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

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			9		7	8	
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MEDIUM

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

9	3	4	7	2	5	6	8	1
1	8	5	9	3	6	2	7	4
6	2	7	8	4	1	5	3	9
3	6	2	5	1	4	8	9	7
4	1	8	2	7	9	3	5	6
7	5	9	6	8	3	4	1	2
2	7	6	1	5	8	9	4	3
8	9	3	4	6	7	1	2	5
5	4	1	3	9	2	7	6	8

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MOCEA

PUSOY

RJUNIE

ZSNAAT

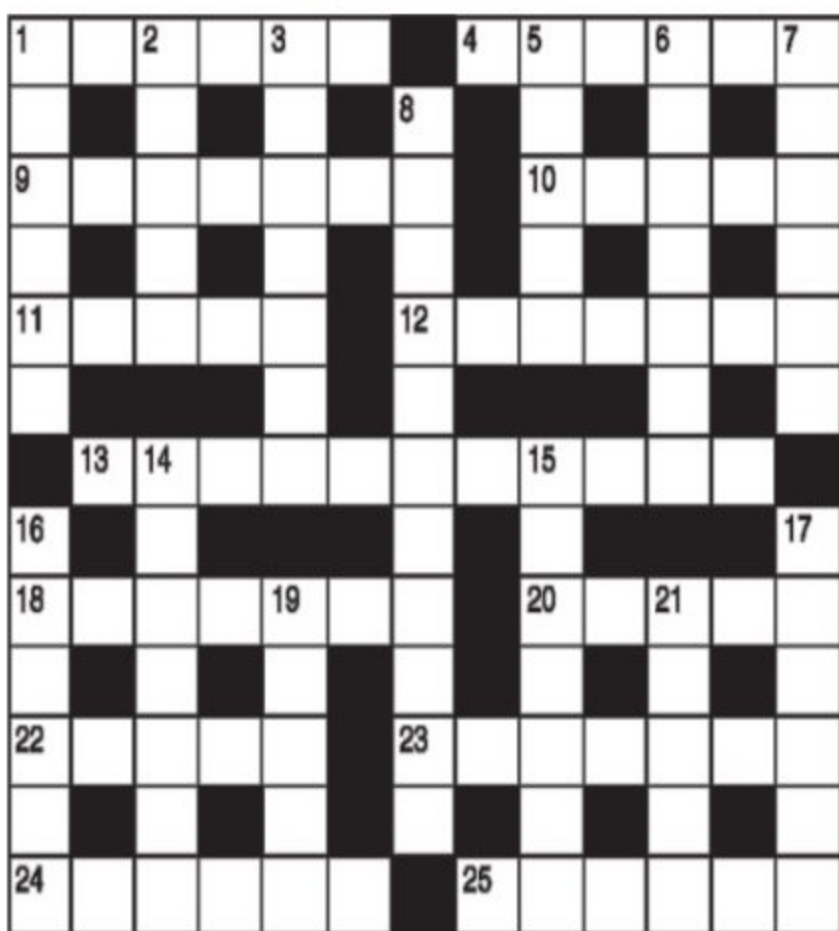
Print your answer here:

Answers tomorrow

Jumbles: CHEEP SCARF UNTOLD PLURAL

Answer: When the forest's confiers had a party, they got - ALL SPRUCED UP

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- About to set a problem for the rest (6)
- Strip off and take the plunge; good man! (6)
- A Gallic disposition is exceptionally cold (7)
- Cruel fluctuation in money (5)
- A backward idiot apart from all else (5)
- Weary at first but ready to appear in public (7)
- Time of arrival (4,2,5)
- More seasoned type of artist (7)
- A card cheat may be so described (5)
- Couple win at play (5)
- Mince pie and preserve for a gourmet (7)
- Drink sounds dear to the French (6)
- A lust that's understood (6)

DOWN

- Cheap newspaper has a stock phrase for the riff-raff (6)
- Philosopher who gets on with soldiers (5)
- The French on a boat making music (7)
- Not much land, but somebody's lease it (5)
- Out of work one may take it (7)
- Stewed mince - a country habit (6)
- Don't remember you'd already washed? (5,6)
- Still a variety of sausage (7)
- A suspicion of what the printer uses to fish? (7)
- Sets forth in America (6)
- Guard is fed up to death (6)
- Victor loses his head going round the bull (5)
- Berate Lincoln about his country (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Numbers, 5 Divot, 8 Intransigence, 9 Drool, 10 Extract, 11 Impute, 12 Becalm, 15 Pickles, 17 Sable, 19 Double-dealing, 20 Steps, 21 Slender.

Down: 1 Naïad, 2 Motion picture, 3 Epaulet, 4 System, 5 Dogma, 6 Venetian blind, 7 Theorem, 11 Impedes, 13 Enslave, 14 Sides, 16 Lits, 18 Eager.

Cyber crimes will be tackled fast, assures Bommai

The moment a crime is reported, entire system gets activated, involving cops, banks



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HOME Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said that in a first-of-its-kind effort, the entire police and banking systems will respond to cyber crimes at lightning speed. This means the moment a cyber crime is reported, the entire system will be activated, involving the jurisdictional police and network of banks.

"The uniqueness of this effort is that police will receive complaints electronically and respond to complainants by way of SMSes, WhatsApp messages and so on," he said.

Until now, cyber crimes were investigated by cyber cops, which sometimes took weeks and even months. In many cases, cyber criminals managed to erase tell-tale evidence long before the cyber police cracked down.

Bommai was briefing reporters after a meeting with top police officers and chairmen of banks. Bengaluru City Police, Karnataka police and CID cyber sleuths on Thursday held meetings with the chairmen and managing directors of important banks, presided over by Bommai, where DG&IGP Praveen Sood, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant and DGP-CID P S Sandhu were present.

"Take for example, the amounts deposited in certain accounts of farmers by the Union government. In some cases, complaints were received that the beneficiaries had lost these amounts moments after they were deposited. Henceforth, the response to complaints will be instant," Bommai said.

He said that in many cases, police had received complaints that pensioners, too, had fallen victim to cyber fraud. "In many cases, the amounts are a mere Rs 5,000 or Rs 10,000, and many don't take the trouble of giving a formal complaint. Now they can use this new system and report it, and enforcement authorities will swing into action within minutes," he said.

CM in Delhi next week on cabinet mission

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is scheduled to head to New Delhi on September 18, a day after the 'inauspicious' amavasya on September 17, and before the legislature session begins on September 21.

The agenda is clearly cabinet expansion. Yediyurappa told the media after his meeting with deputy commissioners, that he would visit New Delhi shortly. "I have sought time to meet the Central leadership to discuss cabinet expansion and various other issues. I will visit New Delhi in four or five days, once they give me an appointment," he said.

There is speculation about the other issues on hand, especially as Yediyurappa is visiting New Delhi for a face-to-face meeting.

Sources said there are a few more issues. On expansion of the cabinet, Yediyurappa needs



Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa attends a video conference with Deputy Commissioners and ZP CEOs in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

to consult the central leadership on the candidates and portfolios. The other issue is flood aid, with the government requesting around Rs 8,000 crore, though the State is likely to get 10 per cent or less of this sum. Yediyurappa could be seeking more funds, considering that last year's flood damage still needs to be addressed.

The third issue is said to be

Covid situation. With cases continuing to gallop, Karnataka needs to set up oxygen plants and other infrastructure, for which funds are necessary.

While some sources suggested that cabinet expansion will not take place till October, as the legislature session ends on September 30, others said it may be taken place much earlier. It is being said that some legis-

lators have threatened not to attend the session if they are not inducted into the ministry and have communicated it to Yediyurappa.

The Chief Minister is expected to meet BJP President J P Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah, who is out of hospital, and General Secretary B L Santosh, besides the three Union ministers from Karnataka, D V Sadananda Gowda, Pralhad Joshi and Suresh Angadi.

It may be recalled that many ministers and leaders from the state had already visited Delhi and met the central leadership on the issue of cabinet expansion.

One source said that Yediyurappa's visit could be an attempt to tell the Opposition that he made an attempt to get funds from the Centre for flood damage. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah has repeatedly spoken of this issue, and the Opposition is waiting to raise the issue during the session.

Sessions may go digi-smart soon

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IF all goes well, legislators in both the Houses will be seen using electronic gadgets during the sessions in future. A beginning is being made towards that end in the coming session. This time, the focus will be on 'less paper' to maintain less contact due to the ongoing pandemic. However, electronic gadgets are not allowed. The 10-day session will begin on September 21.

The officials are taking many measures like inserting fibre sheets between two seats, making wearing a mask mandatory and placing hand sanitisers at every corner. And everyone attending the session must have a Covid-19 negative test certificate. Along with that, for the first time, the starred and un-

starred questions will be printed in limited numbers.

As per Speaker Vishveshwar Hegde Kageri's instruction, Secretary to Karnataka Assembly Secretariat M K Vishalakshi has issued an order where she stated that due to the pandemic, everyone must maintain less contact and that 350 copies of starred questions will be printed and given to the legislators. As for unstarred questions, answers will be sent to the mail of the concerned MLAs and only 25 copies will be printed. All the answers will be given in CD format to legislators.

Speaking to TNIB, Kageri said they were planning to hold the assembly session with less paper. This has been a long-

pending proposal. "Due to Covid, we are making an attempt to adopt 'less paper' proceedings," he said. Sources from the Assembly secretariat said that this is just a beginning. "We are looking to eventually go in for zero paper usage. There is a proposal to introduce electronic gadgets like iPad for legislators who can check starred or unstarred questions. For this, we need to check the WiFi connection with limited login, where one can check only questions and answers. We also need to give training to our legislators," sources said.

Meanwhile, Congress legislators plan to come up with 1,200 questions. It will be challenging for the secretariat staff to keep the answers ready.

130 taluks declared flood-hit

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE State government has declared 130 taluks in 23 districts as flood-affected, and directed the district administrations to take up relief works as per NDRF and SDRF guidelines.

Heavy rain and floods in August 2010 claimed lives of many people, caused severe damage to property and standing crops, revenue department officials stated in the order, issued Thursday. The government declared 130 taluks flood-affected based on the report by the State Natural Disaster Management Centre.

The State government has sought financial assistance from the Centre to take up relief work, and a central team of six officers had visited the flood-hit districts earlier this week to assess the situation. Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, who is expected to visit the national capital in the next few days, is likely to take up the issue with central government.

The highest number (14) of flood-hit taluks are in Belagavi district. Davanagere, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Mysuru, Ballari, Koppal, Raichur, Kalaburagi, Yadgiri, Bidar, Bagalkote, Vijayapura, Gadag, Haveri, Dharwad, Shivamogga, Hassan, Chikamagaluru, Kodagu, Uttara Kannada, Udipi and Dakshina Kannada are the other districts declared as flood-affected.

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Saravanan Kumar M/ Valli Saravanan Kumar S-27 6 M Cross 5th Main Srirampuram Bangalore North Bangalore Srirampuram Karnataka Bangalore - 560021 / LBMY500004771229	Item No. 1 Taluk- Tumkur Hobli- Kora Gram Panchayat- Arakere Village- Hosahalli Property No- 15250090901220129 Khata No- 399/06 Site No- 06 Measurement- East - West- 17.80 Metre North- South On East- 8.50 Metre North- South On West- 6.75 Metre Total- 135.63 Sqmt Property No 2: Taluk- Tumkur Hobli- Kora Gram Panchayat- Arakere Village- Hosahalli Property No-15250090901220129 Khata No-399/06 Site No 26 Measurement- East- West- 9.14 Metre North-South- 12.19 Metre Total- 111.41 Sqmt / Date Of Physical Possession-08.09.2020	14.11.2019 Rs. 3020941/-	Mysore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : 11-09-2020
Place: Bangalore (Tumkur)

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Bharat Bank Bharat Co-op. Bank (Mumbai) Ltd Multi-State Scheduled Bank

No.100, Money Terrace, K H Road, Bangalore - 560 027
Tel No. : 080-2212 7203 / 2212 1066 / 2229 1942

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Sir/Madam,

(1) Notice is hereby given to you under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. This notice is published in addition to the notice sent to your last known address by Registered A.D. Post. (2) At your request, Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd., amongst its branch at Indiranagar, Bangalore Branch has sanctioned to you by way of financial assistance against the mortgage of the property described herein below creating security interest thereon, as per terms & condition mentioned in respective Sanction letter by executing necessary loan documents. (3) You have failed and neglected to pay the loan amount and therefore the said financial assistance/credit facility have become NPA on 11.04.2019. Demand Notice dated 18.08.2020 issued under section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 calling upon the Borrower(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to remit the outstanding amount of **Rs. 9,85,586/- (Rupees Nine Lac Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Six)** due as on 09.08.2020 with further interest & other charges within 60 days from the date of the notice and the said notice was sent to your last known address by Registered Post A.D. & the same are returned as unserved. (4) Therefore, I hereby call upon you to discharge your entire liabilities in respect of loan account mentioned herein below, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice and failing which Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section 4 of section 13 of the aforesaid act and under other applicable provisions of the said Act. (5) You are also put on notice that in terms of Sub-Section (13) of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed below without obtaining written consent of the said Bank. (6) The said Bank reserves its right to call upon you to repay the entire liabilities under the said Loan Account that may arise hereafter as well as other contingent liabilities. (7) This notice is issued without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions and/or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law. You are liable to pay service charges/costs/expenses, if any for actions under the said Act as applicable. (8) You are free to take inspection of the statement of account maintained by the said Bank and the loan documents executed by you relating to your Loan Account. (9) You are in particular and the public in general, hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd. (10) For more details you may collect the unserved Demand Notice dated 18.08.2020 from the office of the undersigned.

Sr. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower, Co-Borrower & Surety	Details of Secured assets
1.	Mr.Madhukara Shetty, S/o.Mahabala Shetty Prop. of M/s.The Grand Bhojana No.6/1, 9th Cross, 4th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018	Part-I Hypothecation charge over furniture & Fixtures, Interior, Kitchen Equipments, office equipments, Generator, etc
2.	Joint/Co-Borrower: Mrs.Lalitha K, W/o.Mr.K.Karunakar Shetty No.351, 6th Main, 3rd Cross, Kengeri, Satellite Town, Bangalore-560 060	Part-II Sr. No. Site No. Measurement Owner Description of the property
3.	Mrs.Rukmini K Shetty, W/o.Mr.K Karunakar Shetty No.2075, Rajeshwari Nilaya, 5th Main,Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560 060	1. 359 East to West-40 ft North to South-30ft Mrs. Lalitha Shetty Hullegowdanahalli village, bearing Sy No.20/2, in larger portion of land measuring 4 acres and 6 guntie converted to residential purpose vide conversion order No.No.A.L.N.(N) S.R.35/05-06 by Special District Commissioner, Bengaluru District on 03.05.2005 & Sy.No.21, measuring 5 acres converted to residential purpose vide conversion order No.A.L.N/S.R.(N.D.H.)11/05-06 by Special District Commissioner, Bengaluru District on 03.06.2006.
4.	Mr.K Karunakar Shetty, S/o.Mr.Krishnappa No.351, 6th Main, 3rd Cross, Kengeri Satellite Town,Bangalore-560 060	2. 356 East to West-40 ft North to South-30ft Mrs. Rukmini Shetty 3. 358 East to West-40 ft North to South-30ft Mr. Karunakara Shetty

Place : Bangalore
Date : 10-09-2020

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THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
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SSTA-1: Tender-cum-Auction Notice Dated: 09.09.2020
Notice of Sale under Rule 8(2) and 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules -2002, framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002

Pursuant to the possession taken by the Authorized Officer under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for recovery of the secured debts due to The Karur Vysya Bank Limited amounting to Rs. 6,31,51,638.88 (Rupees Six Crores Thirty One Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Eighty Eight only) and interest thereon with costs and charges from: (1) M/s. Riddhi Siddhi Lifecare Private Limited, Having office @ No. 1/1, First Floor, Chinmaswamy Mudaliar Road, Taskar Town, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560 051; (2) Mr. Narendra Kumar Porwal B (Managing Director), Slo. Late Mr. J. Bhawarai, No. 1-1A, 1st Floor, Chinmaswamy Mudaliar Road, Taskar Town Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore-560051; (3) Mrs. Chandra Kumari (Director), W/o. Mr. Narendra Kumar Porwal B; (4) V.K. N. Porwal (Director), S/o. Mr. Narendra Kumar Porwal B both residing at No. 71 'St. Raksha Kankaria', Govindappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004; (5) Mrs. Neha Porwal, W/o. Vipul Kankaria, No. 9, ETA Gardens Apartments, 16023 Block, Binnayon Garden, K P Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560 023 and (6) Mrs. Natasha Porwal (Director), W/o. Manish Jain, No. 9, Shri Abhirami, 1st Floor, Basappa Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore - 560027. Offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of the following assets on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "WHAT IS WHERE IS" BASIS:

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Inspection of the Asset: All working Days - From 11.09.2020 to 14.10.2020 between 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Contact Details: THE KARUR VYSYA BANK, Bangalore Main Branch 549, Avenue Road, Bangalore - 560002
Mr. ARAVIND GANESH CH
Authorized Officer Ph: 9868895412/ 080-22385412 / 22385981.
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Last date for obtaining Tender-cum-Auction Application Forms: 14.10.2020 by 12.00 PM

Last date & time for submitting sealed Tenders: Date: 14.10.2020 Time: Before 3.00 PM either in person or by registered post

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E-Tender-cum- E-Auction Application should be submitted in the prescribed form only to be obtained from the bank.

Statutory 30 days sale notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI act, 2002 : The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost. Within one day of auction, 25% of bid amount (including EMD) should be remitted and within 15 days entire balance amount to be deposited, failing which EMD shall be forfeited without any further correspondence.

In addition to bid amount, 1% TDS amount should be paid by auction bidder, if applicable. This is only abridged format of auction notice. Full copy of the auction notice is to be downloaded from the website https://eauctions.samil.in

IMPORTANT TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount (less the E.M.D.) immediately on the day of sale being knocked down in his/her favour and the balance money shall be paid within 15 days.
- The successful bidder should bear the charges / fee payable for conveyance such as Registration fee, Stamp duty etc., as applicable, as per law.
- The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject a bid or postpone / cancel / modify any terms and conditions of this sale without adducing any reasons.
- Information about other conditions of sale can be collected from the Authorized Officer or The Karur Vysya Bank Limited, Bangalore Main Branch.
- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the property. The Karur Vysya Bank Limited will not be responsible or liable for any unknown or future encumbrances.

Date : 10.09.2020
Place: Bangalore

AUTHORISED OFFICER
KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

E-AUCTION NOTICE
FOR SALE OF ASSET OF LOTUS SHOPPING CENTRES PVT. LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION), Under IBC, 2016

Sale of Asset(s) and Properties owned by Lotus Shopping Centres Pvt. Ltd. (In Liquidation) forming part of the Liquidation Estate formed by the Liquidator, appointed by the Hon'ble NCLT, (Bengaluru) Order dated 18 June, 2020.

Assets Lot	Date and Time of Auction	Reserve Price	Incremental Amount	EMD Amount & Submission deadline
Lotus Shopping Mall - Kulshekar, Mangalore, Karnataka.	28 September 2020 from 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 mins)	INR 168.48 crore	INR 50 Lakhs	INR 20 Crore (refer asset sale process memorandum) 25 September 2020

Please refer Terms & Conditions of E-auction and submission of Expression of Interest (EOI), provided under EOI process document and the Asset Sale Process Memorandum on the website of the corporate debtor <http://lotusshoppingcentres.in>. Alternatively details will also be made available on <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net> - E-Auction website.

You may write to me at LQ.Lotus@in.gt.com for any further details or clarification in this regard.

Sanjay Kumar Mishra
(IBBI/IPA-001/P-P01047/2017-2018/11730)
Liquidator of Lotus Shopping Centres Private Limited (In Liquidation)

Date: 11 September, 2020
Place: Mumbai

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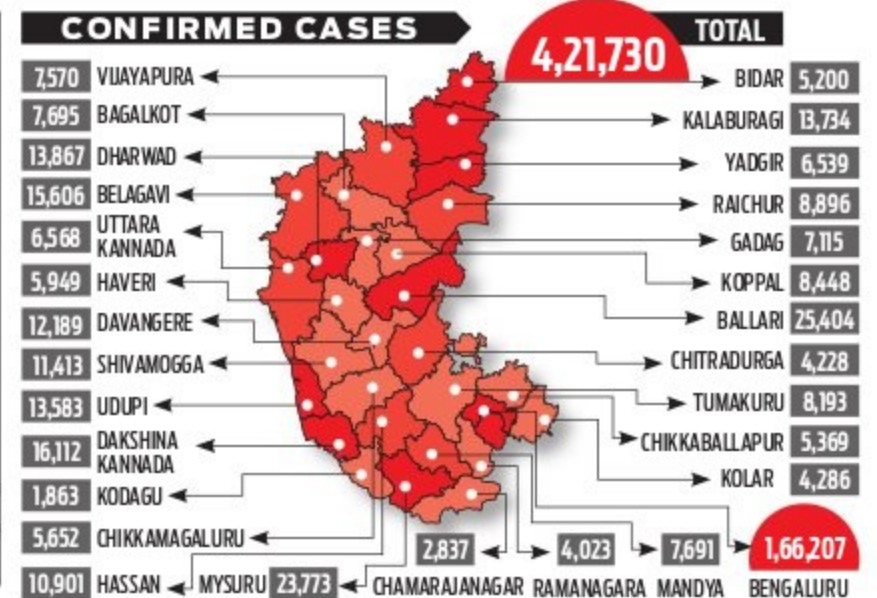
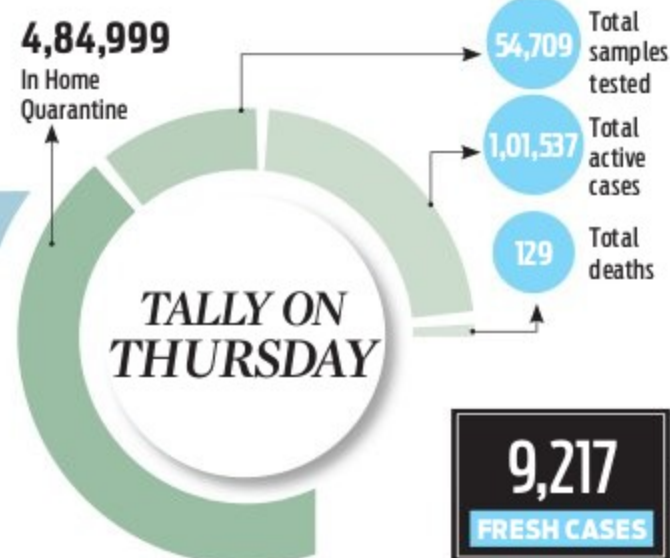


Rattled by the halt of supply of oxygen cylinders from Maharashtra to private hospitals of North-Karnataka, the government has decided to lend beds in case of emergencies

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STATE TO CONTINUE WITH PLASMA THERAPY

Experts will write to ICMR for clarity on study



Municipal corporation workers cremate the body of a Covid victim at a crematorium in Belagavi | ASHISHKRISHNA H P

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA'S health experts have stated that they will continue with convalescent plasma therapy (CPT) as it has been found effective in the state despite the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) study suggesting to the contrary. The ICMR randomised trial, called PLACID, to assess CPT for Covid, has shown that it does not benefit either in reducing mortality or arresting the progression of the disease.

Dr U S Vishal Rao, who started the plasma trials and the State plasma bank, said, "About 60% of the patients have recovered with CPT in the state. We have administered plasma to about 400 people. The remaining 40% hadn't recovered as they were critically ill. However, with the success of the plasma therapy here, we will continue CP therapy in the state."

He said the study has several weaknesses and that they will be writing to ICMR seeking clarification and guidance. "In the PLACID trial, less than 54% of patients had negative PCR by day 7. This means that pa-

The study still needs a peer review to be done. In terms of overall care of CP, it is more on a case-to-case basis than a standard treatment

Dr Anoop Amarnath, Member of State Critical Care Support Team

tients have been infused with plasma on a median of 14 days, which is conceptually late. Hence, it necessitates the clarification for the median day of infusion of CP since the onset of symptoms."

He said, "In the ICMR study, 67.9% of the CPT group are PCR negative by day 7 when compared to 54.6% of non-CPT group. This perhaps can be considered as a beneficial effect of CPT which helps in decreasing community transmission."

He added, "Further details of NAB (neutralising antibody) titres and IgG (immunoglobulin) in the infused CP need to be clarified. The optimum titres play a pivotal role for the success of CPT; in the study they have only mentioned that the titres were de-

tectable but the percentage of high, moderate and low titres has not been mentioned. Hence, the need of the hour is to conduct further randomised controlled trials with larger sample sizes and homogeneity of data and standardised diagnostic tools are required to evaluate the real efficacy of CPT in greater detail."

Dr Anoop Amarnath, Head Scientific Board and Chairman-Geriatric Medicine, Manipal Hospital and Member of State Critical Care Support Team, said, "The study still needs a peer review to be done. In terms of overall care of CP, it is more on a case-to-case basis than a standard treatment. Another interpretation is that usually we need larger trials to be done to come to a conclusion."

Dr Giridhar R Babu, Head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India and member of the Karnataka expert committee of Covid task force, however, said that there is no conclusive evidence if the CP helps. "ICMR study covers multiple aspects and it is good. Till now there are no studies from Karnataka which can question the evidence."

'Dists need to coordinate and tackle issues'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO address the issue of Covid test samples piling up in some districts and reports of government hospitals running out of oxygen supply, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has called for an inter-district coordination effort.

The Chief Minister, on Thursday held a video conference meeting of district commissioners (DC) to review the Covid situation and flood relief measures, where he asked DCs to help each other out with Covid

management measures, if there is a shortage. He also laid emphasis on refocusing on primary contact tracing—a front that the State has been slipping in. "If there is a shortage of laboratories, samples should be sent to neighbouring districts and if there is an issue of oxygen, cylinders should be borrowed from districts that have ample storage,"



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B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

Yediyurappa told the DCs, urging for an inter-district coordinated effort to address issues of equipment shortage.

Booth-level task forces in districts have been asked to identify vulnerable localities even as the Mysuru DC was instructed to amplify tests because of tourist footfall during the Dasara celebrations. "Counseling for PG medical college stu-

dents has been completed and more than 900 qualified doctors will be deployed to districts in a day or two," the CM added.

Reviewing the flood situation during the meeting, Yediyurappa said that a request seeking immediate assistance has already been submitted to the Central team. "DCs have been asked to reach out to the government for immediate works that need to be undertaken. Rs 20-30 crores are available in DCs PD accounts for immediate works. Crop loss compensation to farmers should be the priority," he said.

THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO REOPEN SCHOOLS: EXPERTS

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

HEALTH experts have mixed opinions on the Centre's decision to allow normal reopening of schools, on a voluntary basis for students, from September 21.

While some say that children can be asymptomatic carriers which can lead to spread of Covid-19, others believe that a school atmosphere can help improve the mental health of a child.

According to many experts, the time is not right for the reopening of schools as India now ranks second after the United States in the number of Covid infection cases.

Dr Giridhar Babu, head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India, noted that most children might have none or just mild symptoms. "We do not have representative seroprevalence estimates in children to understand what adversities they may face. Also, there is high proportion of children and adolescents who might have poor immune response due to undernutrition and stress," Babu said, adding that children might infect others at home and school.

Dr Manu Chaudhary, consultant, Paediatric Infectious Disease, Rainbow Children's Hospital, agreed that children, being carriers, can go home and spread the infection to their family. The government should not take the risk of reopening

schools as India has the second highest number of Covid cases globally, he said. "We have been seeing increasing reports of children with multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) with Covid, which is again a worry."

However, for Dr Manika Ghosh, psychologist, reopening of schools can boost the mental health of children, who have been confined to their homes for four months. "Though opening schools poses a physical health risk due to the Covid situation, it can also be very good as children have been indoors for a long time. Meeting friends, teachers and studying under a school atmosphere, or even running around play-

grounds can help in their personality development. Online classes are only about knowledge distribution and don't help much," Ghosh said.

Emphasising that schools must follow all Covid safety measures to reopen, Dr Antony K R of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Indian Public Health Association, said normal classes can be started only if social distancing is followed. "This should be the priority if classes are resumed. Instead of classrooms, schools should opt for big halls to ensure distancing. Infrared screening should be done in classes daily," he said, adding that male and female teachers, aged above 50, should not be allowed to work.

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Experts say there is high proportion of children and adolescents who might have poor immune response due to undernutrition and stress | EXPRESS

Shortage of ICU beds in Tumakuru Covid hospital a bane for patients

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tumakuru

DUE to acute shortage of specialists and other staffers, the designated Covid hospital here is finding it difficult to expand its intensive care unit. As a result, the hospital is forced to refer critical cases to private ones that charge "exorbitant amount" for treatment.

The 400-bed hospital has re-

served half its beds for moderate corona cases, while it has 20 beds in the ICU. But, with the rise in cases, including critical ones, the authorities have been referring several cases to private hospitals which have tied up with the government to treat patients under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka scheme.

At least 30 patients with ICU requirements are directed to other hospitals daily, due to

lack of beds in the ICU.

"We had admitted a 35-year-old at Pruthvi Hospital and now want to shift the patient to Sridevi Medical College Hospital. But the per day cost of the hospital is over ₹14,000," rued a relative who had approached district surgeon Dr T A Veerabhadraiah on Thursday.

"We are helpless as patients from even Bengaluru Rural district have been coming here for



An attendant inquires about a patient at the unit for Covid infected pregnant women at Gosha Hospital in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

Udupi cheers as beaches, temples reopen

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

TEMPLES and beaches—the main tourism attraction in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts—have begun to welcome tourists under strict Covid-19 norms, bringing the much-needed relief to the strained economy.

Much of the activities that bring revenue to the tourism sector have commenced partially and this has motivated people to resume their recreational activities. Sources in the tourism department in Udupi said that the district administration has not yet asked people from outside the district to visit as social gatherings mean inviting the risk of contracting the virus. "If people have arrangements to stay on their own at relatives' houses, they can come. But the tourism ac-



Visitors are back on Malpe beach in Udupi to enjoy the waves and sand | EXPRESS

tivities have not resumed in full strength as yet," an official in the tourism department said.

Sudhesh Shetty, in-charge of Malpe Development Committee, told TNIE that people had started to visit Malpe beach in good numbers. "We are waiting for government guidelines to

start beach activities. Now, a few shops do business, but only on weekends," he said.

These coastal districts, which are the destination for religious tourism too, are seeing at least 50 per cent of the usual rush. This is so at Sri Mookambika Temple, Kollur;

Sri Mangaladevi Temple, Mangaluru; Sri Manjunatha Temple, Kadri, Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Temple and Kukke Sri Subrahmanya Temple.

Ramanath Hegde, managing trustee of Sri Mangaladevi Temple, said that about 60 per cent of the devotees have begun to visit the temple after its opening recently. "As devotees have accustomed themselves to the social distancing norms in the temple premises, there is no problem," he said.

Though Sri Krishna Mutt in Udupi has not opened its doors for public in the backdrop of the pandemic, devotees have been arriving at Car Street and taking darshan of Lord Krishna through 'Kanakana Kindi', the window through which the idol of Lord Sri Krishna is visible from a distance.

Tourists unlocked, flock to Bandipur, Nagarhole

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

THOUGH the tourism sector took a major hit during the lockdown and is yet to pick up, safaris at Bandipur and Nagarhole are getting a lot of takers.

The lockdown had brought all activities at these parks to a standstill, however, following the phase-wise unlocking and directions from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to reopen tiger reserves, tourists and nature lovers have been flocking to these parks.

Now, close to 150 tourists are making reservations on weekdays and on weekends.

Though the parks were open to tourists in June, due to a spike in cases in July, they were shut again, and then re-



opened last week.

"Safaris are seeing good response from tourists. On weekends, we are booked to full capacity," said T Balachandra, director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Even at Nagarhole, online bookings are going through the roof. "We are strictly following all NTCA guidelines so that safety of tourists is ensured," said Mahesh Kumar, director, Nagarhole Tiger Reserve.



Fish kill usually occurs in the non-monsoon months, say experts | EXPRESS

Reservoir full of dead fish, cause unknown

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

MANY dead fish have surfaced in Manchanabele reservoir in Bengaluru West. A paediatrician, Dr Reena Phillip who visited the reservoir said, "Isaw dead fish floating in water and there seemed to be so many. Since it is flowing water, I am not sure what caused it. There was a stink in that stretch perhaps caused by the fish kill."

The Manchanabele dam, 40 km from here gets its water from the flow of the Arkavathy river.

Fish kill is usually reported in non-monsoon months when the dissolved oxygen levels are extremely low. And sometimes in summer, when toxic effluents or raw sewage is let into the water body, said experts.

When contacted, Syed Khaja, senior environment officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, said, "We

will investigate the matter. I have alerted my team of officers to collect samples from the water body and send it for investigation."

He explained that fish kill happens when the dissolved oxygen level falls from the usual 7 mg to 4mg or less. Fish kills in summer may not be so surprising but surprising in monsoon, he said.

Dr Reena Phillip said, "I don't know what caused the kill. I spoke to the locals there and they said some effluents had been discharged from the side of Hesarghatta which resulted in the fish kill. I have no clue beyond that."

Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi told *TNIE* that they had received information of sewage water being pumped into the water body. He said they suspected that raw sewage was being pumped into the river illegally and were investigating.

I saw dead fish floating in the water and there seemed to be so many. Since it is flowing water, I am not sure what caused it
Dr Reena Phillip, paediatrician

'Past govts turned blind eye to drug menace'

Chief Minister Yediyurappa reiterates no one involved will be spared, irrespective of their families or connections

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REITERATING that no one will be spared in the ongoing crackdown on drugs in Karnataka, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa said the previous governments had failed to curb the menace. Speaking to reporters after his video conferencing with District Commissioners, Yediyurappa said irrespective of connections and families, nobody involved in the racket will be spared.

"For more than a decade this (drug racket) was going on but the previous governments had turned a blind eye towards it. This time we are getting it investigated thoroughly," Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa told reporters in Bengaluru. Yediyurappa was reacting to a question about the alleged involvement of film actors, children of politicians and realtors in the ongoing case. Earlier in the day his cabinet colleague and Tourism Minister CT Ravi too raised similar questions against former



Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant congratulates officers after they seized 1.350 kg of marijuana from different parts of the city | SHRIRAM BN

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. "By stating that the #DrugMafia operated in the past, former CM Sri @siddaramaiah has accepted his failure to take on Drug Peddlers. What stopped Sri Siddaramaiah in acting tough against this Network in the same way that CM @BSYBJP is doing now? (SIC)

CT Ravi had tweeted.

BS Yediyurappa said such a detailed investigation into the drugs mafia was being carried out for the first time in the country. "The investigation has exposed many people and the government will initiate stringent action against the accused persons," he added.

Arrested actors complain of health issues

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"THE ED officials believe that this may have been done through hawala channels. Besides, their line of investigation is where the accused got the money from and whether they are involved in money laundering," the source said.

The central agency is said to be particularly interested in Viren Khanna, as currencies of different countries were found during a raid on his house by

the CCB. Further, it is said that accused Rahul Thonse, who is a close contact of actor Sanjanna Galrani, runs a casino in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Several male stars from Kannada film industry had reportedly attended events at the casino. Besides, some of the accused allegedly have links with those arrested in the recent Kerala gold smuggling case too. "The ED is most likely to start probe into the money-laundering angle soon," the source added.

Meanwhile, actors Ragini Dwivedi and Sanjanna Galrani, who have been arrested in the drugs case, were taken to KC General Hospital after they complained of health issues. After treatment, they were again questioned by the police. Ragini's police custody ends on Friday and the police may not seek further extension of her custody. The actress has moved a bail petition in court and it may come up for hearing on Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, Mr. K. Vijay Kumar S/o. C. Kannan, aged about 40 years, residing at #59, Vivekananda Street, Kammanahalli Main Road, Near Ranganathan Temple, R S Palya, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore-560033, has LOST THE ORIGINAL Gift Deed Dated 03.02.1981, which is registered as Document No. 15630/1980-81 of Book-I, Volume 3417, Pages 87-89, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore registered on 28.03.1981 and General Power of Attorney Dated 23.10.1981, which is registered as Document No. 1379/1981-82 of Book-IV, Volume 82, Pages 210-212, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, lost at Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road on 08.09.2020. A complaint is lodged in online dated 10.09.2020 vide Last Report bearing No. 111591/2020. Finders may return the same to the near Police Station or contact at the below address.

SRI BHASKAR, M., ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS, Office No. 739, 3rd Floor, 60th Cross, Near Bhashyam Circle, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010. Land line: 080-48520073

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our Client Mr. P.A. Shroff is the sole and absolute owner of immovable property bearing Sy.No. 174(New No. 191) measuring 2 Acres 4 guntas situated at Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Previously Hoskote Taluk) (which Property is more fully described as Schedule Property) vide Sale Deed dated 11.04.1973. Ever since our Client has been in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property.

It has now been notified by our Client that one of the Original Parent Deed, i.e. Sale Deed dated 30.03.1954 registered as Document No. 4388 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Hosakote has been lost or misplaced and the same could not be traced. Our Client has also lodged a Police Complaint in this regard.

Any Person(s) finding or holding or in possession of the above said document is/are not entitled to retain the custody of the said document and are requested to return the same forthwith to the below address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped Converted land bearing Survey No. 191, measuring 2 acres 4 Guntas (converted for residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALNE(B)/SR/5/2010-11, Dated 19.05.2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.190
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.192
North by : Khaji Sonnenahalli Village boundary.

South by : Road
Sd/-
Yashir Ali
Juris Consult Advocates
26, 1st Floor, II Cross,
New Mission Compound,
Mission Road, Bangalore-560 027.
Mob: 9845401740

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mrs. Mary Susheela Amalraj intends to purchase the schedule property from the present owner Mr. Ramesh S/o. Mr. Deviah, any person having any claim/s over the schedule property or objections for purchase of the same in any manner whatsoever, may contact, the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of this notice. In the absence of any such objections, our client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there is no claim against the schedule property and the claims received if any after the said period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No. 3, (in property No. 58/2) situated at Horamavagala village, K.R. Puram hobli, Bangalore East taluk, measuring East to West 20 feet & North to South 50 feet in all measuring 1000 Sq. Ft. & bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Site No. 10, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

BJU & CO.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
845/A, 1st & 2nd floors, 5th main,
Double Road, Indiranagar,
Bangalore-560038.
Mobile 9845171385, 9845057185.
Dt. 9/3/2020.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956 and

In the matter of M/s. Thomas

Steaphen & Company Ltd (In Liqn.)

COMPANY PETITION No. : 53/2000

Advertisement as to declaration of return of Capital

Notice is hereby given that a 1st return of Capital @ 145 times per share has been declared and that the same will be payable at my office on the 16th day of September 2020 and on the subsequent working days up to the 15th day of March 2021 between the hours of 9 AM to 5.30 PM.

Every person entitled to participate in this return of Capital will receive a notice to that effect and no payment will be made except upon production of such entire notice together with the Share Certificate. Dated this 9th day of September, 2020.

Sd/-, Official Liquidator
High Court of Kerala
Company Law Bhavan, 3rd Floor
Thrikkakara P.O., Kakkanaad - 682 021

UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE

Office Of The Executive Engineer, University Engineering Department
Manasagangotri Mysore-06.
(Re-accredited by NACC with 3.47 CGPA of 4.0 scale)
(NIRF-2020 Ranked 27 in University category & 47 in overall category)
Ph: 2419383/2419345/2419295, e-mail: eeum@uni-mysore.ac.in www.uni-mysore.ac.in
No. UED./DB.1/762/2020-21 Date: 03-09-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal Govt of Karnataka)
Tender Notification No. UED/DB-1/e-Proc/FT-11/2020-21, DT: 03-09-2020
Website: <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

The Executive Engineer University Engineering Division, University of Mysore, Mysore invites tender for the in two cover system tender procedure through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement act 1999 and rules 2000, as per Clauses / Conditions of Standard Tender Document K/W-4 from eligible registered Class -1 Civil contractors Last date for receipt of tender on 08-10-2020 up to 4:00pm, Tender must be accompanied by earnest money deposit which will be paid online through e-procurement portal <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> as specified in the tender document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender. Any further details can be had from the above office during working hours.

Details of Work (1) Name of work: Repairs & painting to P.G. Departments of University of Mysore, Mysore
(2) Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakh) : 780.00 (3) Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakh) : 11,70,000 (4) Period of completion (including monsoon): 90 days.

Note: Detailed may be obtained from e-procurement portal. Govt of Karnataka website <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>
Additional details may be obtained from this office or through Phone No. 0821-2419383 or Mobile No. 9448788943.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
University of Mysore

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD- Koramangala Valley, BBMP, 5th Floor, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011
No. EE/SWD/KVP/TEND/04/2020-21 Date: 10.09.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK e-procurement Portal Only)
The Executive Engineer SWD, Koramangala Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approximate put to tender (In Lakhs)	EMD (In Lakhs)
1	Conducting comprehensive topographic survey using drone or equivalent aerial survey equipments, conducting total station survey and DGPS of Storm Water Drain for water way project in Koramangala valley (Services).	25.97	0.52

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 14.09.2020. (2) Last date for receipt of queries is on 16.09.2020 up to 10:00 a.m. (3) Pre-bid meeting will be held on 16.09.2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the office of the Chief Engineer (SWD). (4) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 19.09.2020 and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. (5) The Technical Bids will be opened on the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on 21.09.2020 after 4:00 p.m. (6) Date of Opening of Financial Bid after Approval of Technical Bids through e-procurement. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.
Sd/-, Executive Engineer, SWD- Koramangala Valley, BBMP

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Nirmala R N came to know that I have lost my yellow colour file containing the original sale deed in respect of Original Sale deed dated 27/12/2005, registered as Document No. 16321/2005 of my property bearing site No. 11, Sy.No.83/1A, in Malahalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk. In this regard I have lodged E-Last report dated 10/09/2020, before Janabhatthi Police Station registered as Last Report No. 111543/2020. It is hereby requested to be delivered to me at below stated contact details if found.

Sd/- NIRMALA R N,
No. 11, Sy.No.83/1A, in Malahalli Village,
Bangalore North Taluk. Mobile: 9845325269.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the General public that my client Smt. Bhagyalakshmi W/o Munian, R/At C/o Valamathi, No.5/14, Chikkaraja Layout, 3rd Cross, Gurugutapalya, Bangalore. Has lost sale deed dated 03.11.2006 registered document No. BNG/10/1/NK 2006/2006-07, C.D. No. YAND246 registered in the office of the sub registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore. She has lodged the police complaint to that effect on 10.09.2020. Hence this is to inform to the General public that if any person or persons were come into the possession of the above document the same may be returned. Kindly forward to the undersigned whose name and address is mentioned below, the finder will be suitably reward by the owner of the property.

G. R. RAVICHANDRA REDDY, Advocate
No. 61, 11th Cross, Kogilu, Yelahanka, B'tore 64.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, H.R. RAVICHANDRA, S/o. Late R. Rajashekar Reddy, major in age, is Indian inhabitant resident at No. 748, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, do hereby affirm and state under oath as follows: 1. That I am the owner of the property bearing Sy.No. 31/1 measuring 8 guntas and Sy.No. 33/1 measuring 1 acre 25 guntas and 2 acre 18 guntas of land land both situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. 2. I submit that the original sale deed dated 22.10.1954, registered as document No. 7842/1954-1955, executed by Sri.Doreaswamy & Others represented by their GPA Holder Sri.N. Girishkar Kulkarni in favour of Smt.K.Veena and I original confirmation deed dated 26.08.2003 registered as Document No. 10295/2003-04 executed by Smt.B.S.Lakshmi in favour of H.R.Ravichandra and I original confirmation deed dated 25.08.2020 at 4:00 PM. 3. I submit that In spite of my best efforts, I could not trace the same. In view of the aforesaid facts I have lodged Vide lost No. 11180/2020 dated 10.09.2020. If any one finds the original deed detailed herein and delivers Contact Phone Number 9880202457.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients intend to purchase the Schedule Property from Smt. PONNAMMA, P. S. Aged about 76 years, W/o Sri. B. A. Cariappa, Residing at No.98, Ashwini, III Cross, Reddy Layout, Subbaisahya Palya, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043. Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 30 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential house built on Property bearing New Municipal No.15 (Old No.512) at 3rd Main Road, Subbaisahya Palya, Bangalore having PID No. 88-23-15 in Ward No.88-Banaswadi (earlier Site bearing No.98, House List Khatha No.545, New No.895, Situated Chikkabanaswadi Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), measuring East to West 45 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 1350 Sq.ft., and bounded on: East by: 25 Feet Road, West by: House Site No.92, North by: House Site No.99, South by: House Site No.97, Consisting of RCC roofed residential house measuring 1100 Sq.ft., on the Ground Floor and 1100 Sq.ft., on the First Floor having vitrified flooring with all basic amenities.

Sd/- K.R. Bhargadewji & Associates,
Advocates, No.32, 1st Floor, Sakthi Nagar
Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, K.K. Halli,
Bangalore-560084, Ph. 9844011141
E-mail: krlavassassociates@gmail.com.

KARNATAKA VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

'Koushalya Bhavan', Near Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560 029.
Ph: 080-29522222, e-mail: kvt.it@gmail.com

No: KVTSDC/ADM/VTFF/CR-21/2020-2021 Date : 10.09.2020

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Vocational Training & Skill Development Corporation Limited invites tenders under Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 through E-Procurement Portal from the eligible and registered Companies / Travel Agencies to provide A/C and Non A/C 5 seater passenger cars for office use on monthly rental basis through outsource. Interested bidders can submit their quotes through e-tender. For more details visit the e-procurement portal <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or contact this office / through Telephone no. 080-29522222 for clarifications if any.

Sd/-
Tender Inviting Authority
Executive Director-1.

DIPR/DDU/SSC/1094/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that my client Mr. Ganesh M. Sri. Smt. Muthiah is intending to purchase the Schedule property from Smt. Savithri W/o Sri. Shankar Lal Patel and Smt. Hemalatha W/o Sri. Hara Lal Patel and the same being acquired through 1) Sale Deed dated 17.11.1989, bearing doc no. 8112/1999-2000, 2) Sale Deed dated 11.11.1999, bearing doc no. 8111/1999-2000, registered in the office of Sub Registrar K.R.Puram, Bangalore respectively.

If any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the Schedule Property is hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within Seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim and the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.12-A, H.L.Katha No.205 & Site No.12, H.L.Katha No.205/1, BBMP New Municipal No.7, PID No.88-3647, situated at Horamavu, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, totally measuring 936 Sq.ft together with RCC roofed building and bounded on:

East by : 30 ft Road

West by : House Site No.11.

North by : Road

South by : Property belongs to A.Ramaswamy Reddy & others.

Rashmi R., Advocate,
No.07, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, Kalyanahalli,
Nagarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-72.

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA WAQF TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU DIVISION, BENGALURU

O.S. No. 6/2020

BETWEEN:

Managing Committee, Jamia Masjid

... Plaintiff

AND:

Smt. Zaibunnisa and others.

...Defendants

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT No. 15

Sri K. AKRAM PASHA.

S/o Late Haji Khader Shariff,

Aged about 50 years, Residing at No. 177,

Telecom Layout, K.P. Agrahar, Vijaya Nagar,

Bengaluru-560 040.

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff herein has

instituted suit for perpetual injunction

restraining the Defendant nos. 1 to 14 from

executing any deed of conveyance in favour

of the Defendant no. 15 and other remedies,

in O.S. No. 6/2020. You are hereby summoned

to appear before the Karnataka Waqf

Tribunal, Bengaluru Division, Bengaluru in

person, or by a pleader on the 7th day of

October, 2020 at 11 o'clock, to answer the

claim and you are directed to produce on

that day all the documents upon which you are

intended to rely in support of your defense.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance

on that day mentioned, the case will be

heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the

Court, this 10th day of September 2020.

By Order Of Court
Sheridastar,

Karnataka Waqf Tribunal, Bengaluru

Advocate: Syed Suhail Ali,
#24, 1st Floor, 4th Main, 6th Cross,
Wilson Garden, Bengaluru - 560 027



Though the tourism sector took a major hit during the lockdown and is yet to pick up, safaris at Bandipur and Nagarhole are now getting around 150 tourists over the weekends.

posing as customers before gathering details about the location and the accused through the drug network. All this was done without informing the local police for fear of the accused getting alerted about their operation.

At the Kalagi farmhouse, Chandrakanth and Naganath were nabbed, but the consignment could not be found. After a five-hour search of the property, the police found wooden boards covering the sump in the sheep farm with horticultural crops growing over it. On lifting the planks, the police discovered 1.2 tons of ganja in 600 bags stored there. They also raided different places in Kalagi town and found a total of 1,352 kg of ganja worth Rs 6 crore.

The accused have completed only their primary education and had decided to make easy money. Chandrakanth and Naganath used to go to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to sell sheep before they came in contact with Odisha-based drug

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations' 2019 for determination of Transmission Tariff from DOCO to 31-03-2024 for Madhugiri - Yelahanka 400kV D/C (Quad) Line with a small portion to be strung on multi-circuit tower of the SRSS-XII scheme with high ampacity conductor in Bengaluru area along with associated bays & equipments at Madhugiri Substation and Yelahanka GIS under "Transmission system associated with System strengthening -XIII in southern region grid".

2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTCL (b) APTTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) TNEB (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) APSPDCL (i) APSPDCL (j) APSPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESSCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) CESC (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd (r) TANTRANSCO.

3. Tariff details:

Name of the Asset	Petition-I Asset-I
Approved Capital Cost (₹ Lakhs)	15784.94
Revised Cost Estimate (₹ Lakhs)	34552.35
Authority which has approved Capital Cost	Board of Directors of POWERGRID
Schedule DOCO (FR)	27.06.2014
DOCO (Actual)	02.02.2020
Estimated Completion Cost (₹ Lakhs)	33526.17
Tariff for year 2019-24 (Rs in Lacs)	
2019-20	823.72
2020-21	5246.25
2021-22	5318.04
2022-23	5238.92
2023-24	5139.84

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergridindia.com.

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandrak Building, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : Gurgaon Sd/-
Date : 08.09.2020 CGM (Commercial)

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corp. Office: "Saudamini", Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurugram-122001, (Haryana) Tel: 0124-2571700-719
Reg. Office: B-9, Outub Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016, Tel: 011-26560112, 26560121
Website : www.powergridindia.com, CIN: L40101DL1989G0038121

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FEDERAL BANK
LCRD/ Bengaluru Division, No.4, 2nd Cross, CSI Compound, Mission Road, Bangalore-560 027. Ph.: 22220898/22220897.

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Where as the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Federal Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002(hereinafter referred to as Rules) issued a demand notice dated 10/1/2020 calling upon the borrower (1) **Mr. T. U. Nagaraju, S/o Sri. T. R. Uddande Gowda, self and legal heir of late Nagarathna**, residing at 35/11A, 2nd Cross Road, Byravewasara Nagar, Sunkadakatte, Magadi Road, Bengaluru 560091 (2) **Mr. T. N. Harsha S/o. Mr. T. U. Nagaraju**, self and legal heir of late Nagarathna, residing at 35/11A, 2nd Cross Road, Byravewasara Nagar, Sunkadakatte, Magadi Road, Bengaluru 560091 (3) **Mrs. Asha T. N. W/o. Deepak and legal heir of late Nagarathna**, residing at No.42, Male mahadeshwara Layout, Near Ring Road, Nagarabhatta, Bengaluru 560072 and (4) **Mrs. Ashwini T. N. W/o. Sri. Kiran**, and legal heir of Smt. Nagarathna, residing at Ranganathi Nilaya, Subhash Chandra Bose Road, Elachenahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru 560078 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ 48,38,018.00 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Eighteen Only) as on 10/1/2020 under A/c 1571730000199 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **7th day of September the year 2020**.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties). The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Federal Bank Ltd. for an amount ₹ 48,38,018.00 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Eighteen Only) as on 10/1/2020 and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Property No.35/11A/In Sy. No.11/A) Katha No. M.R. 163/2000-01, formed in converted land, Srigandhadakaval, Sunkadakatte, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, (previously within the limits of Rajarajeshwari CMC, now under the limits of BBMP), measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet, together with all improvements, including the building therein and bounded on the East by: Property of Smt. Subbamma, West by: Property of Smt. Jayamma, North by: 8 feet Road and South by: Property of Sri Niyoor.

Date : 07.09.2020 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru The Federal Bank Ltd

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
DEPT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY
TRIBUNAL -2, BENGALURU
Jeevan Mangal Building (2nd Floor), No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore - 560025

TRC NO: 387/2019
(See Regulation 3(2))

Canara Bank, Mahila Banking Branch, Jayanagara 3rd Block, Bengaluru
...Certificate Holder

Versus
Mis Balaji Enterprises And Others
...Certified Debtor/Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1.**M/s Balaji Enterprises**, No.272, 9th Main, 4th Cross, Behind Vidyaapeetha, Gururaj Layout, Bengaluru-560028, Rep by its Proprietor: Smt S Padmavathi.

2.**Sri Jyothi Naidu**, So Sri Kanniah Naidu, No.366, 7th Cross, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085.

Presently residing at: Corporation No.21, Property No.34, 7th B Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar Bengaluru-560085.

3.**Mrs. Pushpalatha**, W/o Sri M.Jyothi Reddy, No.366, 7th Cross, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085.

Presently residing at: Corporation No.21, Property No.34, 7th B Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560085.

...Certified Debtor/Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in O.A./1222/2017 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **05.02.2019** an amount of **Rs.12,45,836/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **20th Day of August 2019**.

Sd/-
Recovery Officer-1
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru,
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

IDBI BANK
CIN:L65190MH2004GO148838

Ramanagaram Branch: SS Complex, B.M Road, Ramanagaram-562159, Karnataka

Notice Under Section 13(2) of Chapter-III of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act of 2002

Notice is hereby given to the below mentioned Borrower(s) that the below mentioned Borrower(s) were sanctioned financial assistance by IDBI Bank Limited (IDBI Bank), by way of Term loan. The said financial assistance has been secured, inter alia, by mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the properties mentioned below. As the Borrower's have defaulted in repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the Loan Agreement executed by them with the bank, the accounts of the Borrowers has been classified as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) in the books of IDBI Bank in terms of the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from time to time. Necessary notice was issued/served by IDBI Bank. Under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act at the respective addresses of the Borrower(s) by "Registered Post With Acknowledgement Due" which was returned without proper signature of the borrowers. In view of the aforesaid, this public notice is issued in compliance with Proviso to Rule 3(1) of the SARFAESI Rules. Please note that you shall not transfer or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the Secured Assets, without prior written consent of IDBI Bank, failing which you shall be liable for an offence punishable under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. In the circumstances, Borrowers is, once again, requested to pay the aforesaid amount within 60 days from the date hereof failing which IDBI Bank, as a secured creditor shall be entitled to enforce its security interest, under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act as also under any other law as available to IDBI Bank for realising its dues.

1) Ref No: IDBI/RAMANAGARAM/REC/SARFA/01/2019-20
Purpose of the Loan - Home Loan
A) Name of the Borrowers: 1) **Sri Umesh, S/o. Siddagowda**, (2) **Smt. Pramila K P. W/o. Umesh**, 429/748/2A, Virupakshapura Village, Virupakshapura Hobli, Channanapata Taluk, Ramanagara Dist-562138. (3) **Sri Umesh, S/o. Siddagowda, M/s. Toyota Boschoku Automotive India Pvt. Ltd.**, 41, Bhimenahalli, M N Halli Road, Bidadi-562109.
B) Loan Outstanding: **Rs. 19,38,754.32/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four And Paise Thirty Two Only) is outstanding as on 10-12-2019 - Applicable Interest and Charges thereon.
C) Schedule of the Property: All that piece and parcel of property situated at Ramanagara District, Channanapattana, Kanamurani Site No.429/748/2A, Virupakshapura Village, Virupakshapura Hobli, Channanapata Taluk, Ramanagara District, measuring East to West: 20 Feet and North to South: 30 (Thirty) Feet and bounded as follows: East by: 10 Feet Passage. West by: Vacant Site of Umesh. North by: Road. South by: Vacant Site of Prabha Ramesh.

Date : 11.09.2020 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru IDBI Bank Limited

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra
A GOVT. OF INDIA UNDERTAKING
एक महाराष्ट्र एक बैंक

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH: No.13, Paxal Towers, K.R.Road, Opp.Vani Vilas Hospital, Bangalore - 560002.
Head Office: Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5, Tel: 080-26706723, 26706722, E-mail: e-mail : bom1934@mahabank.co.in, bom1934_arb@mahabank.co.in

Ref: AKB7/ARB/BAN/PNF52/2020-21 Date: 10/09/2020
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT), 2002

1. M/s Shree Electronics, Represented by its Proprietor Mrs. K Lakshmi Murthy, No.14, Palace Cross Junction, Sankey Road, and Bangalore 560020. 2. Shri K V S Murthy, No.9 A/b, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **14.10.2020** 11:00 AM to 12:00 AM, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under. **EMD to be deposited by 3 pm on 13.10.2020**. Bid multiplier is Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only). EMD is to be deposited through NEFT / RTGS in the Account No. 60263732506 - Name of the A/c: (Asset Recovery Branch Bidding Account) with our City Market Branch, Bangalore. Name of the Beneficiary: Bank of Maharashtra A/c - PROPERTY SL NO. & NAME OF THE BORROWER (as the case may be) IFS Code: MAHB 0000304 or by way of demand draft drawn in favour of Bank of Maharashtra - PROPERTY SL No. & NAME OF THE BORROWER (as the case may be), AND on any Nationalized or scheduled Bank, payable at Bangalore.

SL	Name of Borrower and Guarantor	Amount Due	Short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances	Possession Type	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit
1.	M/s Shree Electronics, Represented by its Proprietor Mrs. K Lakshmi Murthy, No.14, Palace Cross Junction, Sankey Road, and Bangalore 560020.	Rs. 80,73,089/- (Eighty lakh seventy three thousand eighty nine) plus interest w.e.f. 31.01.2019 plus unapplied interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon.	All the Piece and parcel of the property being the half of the portion on the Northern side Vacant Side of the "A" Schedule Property bearing plot No. P-12, CMC Katha No. 125, in the Industrial Estate situated at Peenya, III stage of Peenya Industrial Area within limits of Neelakadranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and Bangalore. Measuring East to West 54.12 feet, North to south 25.6 feet in all measuring 1385 Sq. ft. and bounded on: East: KSSID Property West : Road North : Shed No. SM-4 South : Southern Portion of Plot No. P-12	Physical	Rs. 81.00 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 8.10 Lakhs
2.	Shri K V S Murthy No.9 A/b, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Mathikere, Bengaluru. 560054.				

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link <http://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/propsale.asp> and on <https://www.bankauctions.com>

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower / guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned / sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 10.09.2020 Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place : Bangalore Asst. General Manager
Bank of Maharashtra, Asset Recovery Branch.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY E-Tender Notice
Tender No : 32/SE/ PHCK/ 2020-21, 33/SE/ PHCK/ 2020-21. JMM 2020-21- Chirakkadev, Vellavoor Grama Panchayaths, Kottayam District - Laying Pipelines and Providing FHTC. EMD : Rs. 1,00,000/-, 1,00,000. Tender fee : Rs. 7,500 + 18% GST, 7,500 + 18% GST. Last Date for submitting Tender : 24-09-2020 04:00:pm. Phone : 04812562745. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in.
KWA-JB-GL-6-319-2020-21
Superintending Engineer PH Circle, Kottayam

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, Hebbal, Bengaluru.

No: EE/HBL/TEND/PR/17/2020-21 Date: 10.09.2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division invites Item Rate tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive Developments to Roads and drains at Hebbal tent Road and Cholanayakanahalli Shambu lingeshwara Temple Surrounding areas in Ward No 21, (Hebbal).	95.00	1,90,000/-
2	Comprehensive Developments to Roads and drains at Hebbal Old Village and Cholanayakanahalli Surrounding areas in Ward No 21, (Hebbal)	95.00	1,90,000/-
3	Comprehensive Developments to Roads and drains at Kunthigrama C Block Shivashankarappa Block areas in Ward No 21, (Hebbal)	95.00	1,90,000/-
4	Comprehensive Developments to Roads and drains at Kunthigrama A, B & C Block Surrounding areas in Ward No. 21, (Hebbal)	99.00	1,98,000/-
5	Comprehensive Developments and Improvements to Roads and drains providing missing covering slabs at Dharmanna garden, Beerappa garden and Surrounding areas in Ward No 33 Manorayanapalaya).	80.00	1,60,000/-
6	Comprehensive Developments and Improvements to Roads and drains, providing missing covering slabs at Chunchappa garden, Avallappa Block and Surrounding areas in Ward No 33 (Manorayanapalaya).	80.00	1,60,000/-
7	Comprehensive Developments and Improvements to Roads and drains providing missing covering slabs at R T Nagar 1st Block, P & T Colony and Surrounding areas in Ward No 33 Manorayanapalaya).	80.00	1,60,000/-
8	Improvements to Roads and Drains near Mothinagar 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th cross in JC Nagar Ward No 46	99.00	1,98,000/-
9	Improvements to Parks in RT Nagar Surrounding areas in JC Nagar Ward No 46	99.00	1,98,000/-

1)Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from **14-09-2020 onwards**. 2) Pre bid meeting will be held on **15-09-2020 at 3.00 PM**. 3) Last date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **21-09-2020 upto 16.00 Hrs**. 4) Technical Bids will be opened on the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> in the office of the Executive Engineer Hebbal Division on: **22-09-2020 at 4.30 PM** (if possible). 5) Date of Opening of Financial bid is on **23-09-2020 @ 11.00 A.M.** (if possible). Further details, visit e-Procurement website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or contact e-Procurement Helpdesk at 080-22485867 / 22485927.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

Bank of Baroda
(Vijaya Bank Now Bank of Baroda)
Kengeri Branch
(A Government of India undertaking)
E-mail: vkjeng@bankofbaroda.com
Ph: 080-28486655

Possession Notice
(for immovable Property) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank Of Baroda, Kengeri Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2)read with Rule-3 of the Secu 03/02/2020 calling upon the 1/ **M/s Century Mart - Prop : Mohan Kumar N, 2) Mr. Mohankumar N S/o M Narasimhamurthy both residing at # 37, 2nd Cross, Chikkasandra, Ward No 12, M P Layout, Bangalore - 560090, 3) Mr Venkatesh D, 706.6th Cross, 10th Main, AGB Layout, Hesarghatta, Bangalore-560090 (Borrower) & (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being underof **Rs 59,58,097.10** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Ninety Seven & Ten Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/ Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 07th day of **September** of the year **2020**

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs 48,06,094.14**(Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Six Thousand Ninety Four & Fourteen Paise Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part & parcel of the commercial property (Site & Building) Bearing No 20 and 31, BBMP Khatha No 324/466, Property No 78, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore Measuring East to West: 80 feet and North to South: 30 feet in Total Measuring 2400 Sq ft., Bounded by, East by: 30 ft Road, West by: 31 ft Road, North by: Site nos. 19 & 32, South by: Site nos. 21 & 30

Place : Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 07.09.2020 Bank of Baroda, Kengeri Branch

Govt. of Jharkhand Energy Department Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.
Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165, E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com

e-Procurement Notice
Tender reference no.:04/JREDA/SHMLS/20-21
Dated: 10.09.2020

1	Name of the work	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning including 5 years Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) of LED based Solar High Mast Lighting Systems (SHLMS) with Lithium Ferro Phosphate Battery on Turnkey basis across the state of Jharkhand.
2	Total quantity (Nos.)	100 Nos.
3	Estimated cost (Rs.)	3,38,00,000/-
4	Period of Completion	04 (Four) Months
5	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in	18.09.2020 (Friday)
6	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	29.09.2020 (Tuesday) at 1.00 P.M.
7	Last date & time for receipt of online bids	12.10.2020 (Monday) upto 05:00 PM
8	Submission of original copies of Bid fee & EMD (Offline)	12.10.2020 and 13.10.2020 upto 5.00 P.M.
9	Technical Bid Opening Date	14.10.2020 (Wednesday) at 3.30 P.M.
10	Name & address of office inviting tender	Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency(JREDA) 3 rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda,Ranchi-834002 (Jharkhand)
11	Contact no. of procurement officer	0651-2491163/67/61
12	Helpline no. of e-procurement	0651-2491163/67/61

Any corrigendum/addendum can be seen on website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> & www.jreda.com. Further details can be seen on website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> & www.jreda.com

Sd/-
PR 232693(Energy)/20-21st Director, JREDA, Ranchi

Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd
Registered Office: 301-306, 3rd Floor, ABHUEET-V, Opp. Mayor's Bungalow, Law Garden Road, Mithakhali, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat.
Corporate Office: 835/39, Bren Mercury, 5th Floor Kaikondanall Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560035, Karnataka.
www.fincarebank.com

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given by Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd (formerly known as Disha Microfin Pvt Ltd) (FINCARE), that the following borrowers who have availed loan against property from Future Financial Services Limited (FFSL) and Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan to and that their loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. The Borrowers have provided security of the immovable property towards the loan, the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrowers to FINCARE as on date are also indicated here below. The borrowers as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of FINCARE, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrowers under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrowers fails to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice along with further interest and other charges if any, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property described here below.

Sl. No.	Account No	Name of the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers	Total Loan Outstanding (in INR)	Total Loan Outstanding As On
1	6617000 0030629	1. MR/MRS. MOHAMMED HUSSAIN 2. MR/MRS. RAMIZA BEGUM	Rs. 1,96,555.00	20-01-2020
Details of the Property Mortgaged: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Khatha No 5016/4626 ,Ward No 1, Venkatgirikote, Chintamani Town and Taluk, Chinnakabalanpura District. Measuring 20 x 38 = 760 Sq Feet, Residential site with 20 x 20 House alongwith present and future construction therein. And bounded on the East by: Others Property; West by: Site No 16; North by: Road; South by: Others Property. Item No 2: All that piece and parcel of immovable Situated at Kodigehalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, bearing Tana Khata SL No. 1113, Identification No 2171, Measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 32 Ft. Totally measuring 30x32=960 Sq Ft, with present and future construction therein. bounded on East by: Others Property; West by: Site No 16; North by: Road; South by: Others Property. Item No 2: All that piece and parcel of immovable Situated at Kodigehalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, bearing Tana Khata SL No. 1113, Identification No 2171, Measuring East to West 8 Ft and North to South 22 Ft. Totally measuring 8x22 =176 Sq Ft with present and future construction therein. bounded on East by: Ghanasis House, SOUTH BY: Municipal Road.				
2	6617000 0036148	3. MR/MRS. MUNDE GOWDA 4. MR/MRS. SUNANDAMMA	Rs. 326542.00	24-02-2020
Details of the Property Mortgaged: Item No 1: All that piece and parcel of immovable Situated at Kodigehalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, bearing Tana Khata SL No. 1113, Identification No 2171, Measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 32 Ft. Totally measuring 30x32=960 Sq Ft, with present and future construction therein. bounded on East by: Others Property; West by: Site No 16; North by: Road; South by: Others Property. Item No 2: All that piece and parcel of immovable Situated at Kodigehalli, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, bearing Tana Khata SL No. 1113, Identification No 2171, Measuring East to West 8 Ft and North to South 22 Ft. Totally measuring 8x22 =176 Sq Ft with present and future construction therein. bounded on East by: Ghanasis House, SOUTH BY: Municipal Road.				
3	6617000 0036888	3. MR/MRS. GOWRAMMA 4. MR/MRS. ASHOKA	Rs. 140616.00	24-02-2020
Details of the Property Mortgaged: All that piece and parcel of immovable propertybearing Site No.102, Khatha No.2821/02/338, situated at Sultankute Gama, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore , measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet totally Measuring 2400 sq.ft., with present and future construction therein. And bounded on the EAST BY: Property belongs to Lingamma; WEST BY: Road; NORTH BY: Property belongs to Muniyappa; SOUTH BY: Site No.101.				
4	6617000 0032736	1. MR/MRS. SRINIVAS N 2. MR/MRS. PUSHPA	Rs. 399168.00	24-02-2020
Details of the Property Mortgaged: All that piece and parcel of immovable property Situated at Bangalore Urban district, Anekal SRO, Jagani Hobli, Hennagara Village, Janjar No.67 as per form 9 and 11 Jagani No.67, Property No.62/2B, (Now comes under Anekal limits total measuring of land 475 Sq.foot (25 x19), with present and future construction therein. And bounded on the EAST BY: Road and House belongs to Gowramma; WEST BY: Property belongs to Venkateshiah; NORTH BY: Mastenahalli Road; SOUTH BY: Property belongs to Smt.Paravathamma.				

Date: 11-09-2020 Sd/-, Authorized Officer,
Place: Bangalore Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC AUCTION OF PLEDGED GOLD J

Moon is rusting because of Earth's oxygen: Study

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

ALMOST 12 years after it was launched, Chandrayaan-1 has helped scientists find data revealing that parts of the Moon are rusting because of oxygen from Earth.

The data was picked up by one of the 11 payloads on board Chandrayaan-1, an imaging spectrometer called Moon Mineralogy Mapper (M3) developed by the Brown University and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) under US NASA funding, which was designed to map the surface mineral composition. The payload which is among the six foreign payloads on board Chandrayaan-1 was activated on

December 17, 2008.

Researchers from the Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology (HIGP) at the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST), while analysing the M3 data, found oxidised iron mineral hematite in high latitudes of the Moon. The study, led by Shuai Li, assistant researcher at HIGP, was published on September 2 in Science Advances.

Li and another HIGP professor Paul Lucey, along with co-authors from NASA's JPL, analysed the hyperspectral reflectance data acquired by M3 to find iron rust on the Moon, a finding that has surprised scientists because while iron reacts with oxygen and



starts rusting, the lunar surface and its interior are devoid of oxygen.

The researchers observed that hydrogen in the solar winds on the lunar surface oppose oxidation. And yet, the presence of highly oxidised iron-bearing minerals, such as hematite, on

the Moon led researchers to conclude that the rusting of iron on the moon can only be because of the Earth.

"Our hypothesis is that lunar hematite is formed through the oxidation of iron on the lunar surface by oxygen from the Earth's upper atmosphere that has been continuously blowing on the surface by solar winds when the Moon was in the Earth's magnetotail during the past several billion years," said Li.

"More hematite on the lunar nearside suggested that it may be related to Earth. This reminded me of a discovery by the Japanese Kaguya mission that solar winds can blow oxygen from the Earth's upper atmosphere to the

lunar surface when the Moon is in the Earth's magnetotail. Earth's atmospheric oxygen could be a major oxidant to produce hematite. Water and interplanetary dust may also have played critical roles."

After analysing the data, researchers felt that hematite oxidation at higher latitudes could also be because of water molecules in the lunar soil.

Interestingly, on November 14, 2008, it was India's own payload - the Moon Impact Probe (MIP) - on board Chandrayaan-1 which made a controlled impact on the lunar south pole's Shackleton Crater and raised a lunar dust plume to discover water molecules in the lunar soil.

Unique online exhibition to showcase Indo-French space cooperation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

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DID you know that the Indian space programme was launched with the help of the French space agency - the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES)? It did so by supporting the Indian Space Research Organisation's sounding rocket programme during its nascent stage.

The programme was launched with the blasting off of an American sounding rocket called 'Nike Apache' on November 21, 1963, for which Jacques Blamont, the pioneer of the French space programme and founder of CNES, personally brought to India the rocket-based payload called the Sodium Ejector Payload.

This was the moment of birth of the Indian Space Programme. Three more rocket-based experiments followed this, conducted by the French Centaure, which was a two-stage solid propellant rocket provided to ISRO by CNES. This and much more little-known aspects of the Indo-French partnership in space will be presented at a unique online historical exhibition 'ISRO & CNES: A Common History', hosted by the CNES.

According to a release from the consulate, it will be showcased at the International Space Conference and Exhibition between September 15 and October 10. The exhibition will celebrate the six decades of mutual cooperation between India and France by tracing it from the conception of the In-

dian and French space programmes.

The collaboration began with a meeting between Jacques Blamont and Vikram Sarabhai, the father of the Indian Space Programme, in Washington DC during the 5th General Assembly of Committee on Space Research in 1962.

This exhibition is an extension to its predecessor developed in collaboration with Alliance Française of Hyderabad/ Institut Français en Inde and the CNES and was hosted at WINGS-India 2020 in Hyderabad as a travelling exhibition. This version explores friendship between India and



France a little further and brings various interesting insights and personal memoirs of people and their families involved during the transfer of liquid propulsion technology.

The exhibition will be curated for CNES by Pranav Sharma, a national award-winning science communicator who has curated India's first interdisciplinary Space Museum in Hyderabad.



A NEW BEGINNING

With the kharif season ending next month, farmers start sowing onions at Undavalli near Vijayawada on Thursday. Andhra Pradesh received excess rainfall this monsoon which has come as a boon to the farming community | EXPRESS

HC orders notices to state, wildlife boards over hydel project survey in sanctuary

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THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday ordered notices to the State Board for Wildlife and the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife on a public interest petition questioning the permission granted for survey and geo-technical investigation for the proposed 2,000-MW hydro power project in the lion-tailed macaque sanctuary of Sharavathi Valley.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreenivas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi also or-

dered notices to KPCL, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Ecology.

Contending that the project will affect 877.57 hectares in the sanctuary, petitioner Edward Santosh Martin said the survey work by Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd was taken up without conducting an environmental impact assessment. Martin said the sanctuary is spread across Uttara Kannada and Shivamogga, and hosts 32 groups of the endangered primates on the northern side of the river valley and eight

groups on the southern side. But the sanctuary and the flagship species are under threat due to the ongoing survey and geo-technical investigation. Such activities are not permitted in eco-sensitive zones, he contended.

The petitioner added that the current Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister is also chairperson of the Standing Committee as well as chairman of the National Tiger Conservation Authority. The minister also holds the portfolio of Heavy Industries. Therefore, prime facie, there exists a conflict of interests, he said.

EXPRESS READ

Mangaluru-Bengaluru train timings revised

Mangaluru: The SWR has revised the timings of following special express trains till the resumption of Bengaluru-Mangaluru Central Special Express, which will depart 10:30 pm and arrive Mangaluru Central at 8:25 am the next day with effect from September 11. In the return direction, the special train will depart Mangaluru at 7:15 pm and arrive KSR Bengaluru at 4:15 am the next day, with effect from September 13. The trains will pass through Sakleshpur, Hassan, Mysuru and Mandya. ENS

ED attaches Appugol's properties, bank deposits

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The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached 31 immovable assets and bank deposits in 32 bank accounts, amounting to ₹31.35 crore, held in the names of Anand Balakrishna Appugol, former chairman, Krantiveer Sangolli Rayanna Co-operative Society (KRCS), and his associates under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in a fraud case, said ED sources.

The agency said the attached immovable properties are in the form of agricultural land, com-

mercial complexes, a house, held in the names of Anand, his wife Prema, Shivmurthy Chivgol, Sanjay Patil and Mahantesh Angadi, all residents of Belagavi.

The ED investigation is based on the FIR filed by Khadebazaar PS, Belagavi on September 1, 2017, against Anand and 15 others.

"The accused had embezzled more than ₹232.69 crore, which was collected from more than 1,300 members of the Society through fixed deposits, by promising them a high rate of interest ranging from 12 to 16 per cent annually," said the officer. "The accused did not return the money to depositors in time," the source added. Anand

and his secretary were arrested and lodged in judicial custody at the Central Jail, Belagavi.

Sources said Appugol bought more than 100 properties, most of them posh houses across the country. Although attempts were

made by his associates to sell these properties after Appugol was jailed, police prevented it.

Ever since Appugol shut down his offices and branches in 2017 and absconded, thousands of the society's customers are waiting with fingers crossed to get their deposits back. Whether they do, with the ED attaching the society's assets and accounts, remains to be seen.

Recently, CID officials submitted a chargesheet to court in connection with the case registered against Appugol's society. CID officials investigating the fraud had arrested many people over the years and filed a 2063-page chargesheet.

Between August 12, 2017, and September 1, 2017, Anand colluded with others at the helm of KRCS to divert large amounts of money, which were collected from gullible investors. The funds were layered into immovable properties in the names of the accused

ED official

Panel to look into cutting down road safety, crash fatalities, speed mgmt

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THE state government has constituted a committee, with the Transport Department as the nodal agency, to coordinate and implement the initiatives of the Bloomberg Philanthropies as part of the organisation's road safety initiative.

CM B S Yediyurappa had accepted the invitation by the charitable organisation to join the initiative to reduce road traffic fatalities and injuries in Bengaluru. "We will discuss and work on the initiatives of the organisation. The programme is between

2020-25," said Transport Commissioner N Shivakumar, also a member of the Committee.

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety (BIGRS) is a multi-country programme that aims to reduce road crash fatalities and injuries. This year, the BIGRS commenced its third phase, which is a US \$240 million initiative that started from RS 10 Phase (2010-2014) -- road safety in 10 countries -- and the BIGRS Phase 1 (2015-2019), which was in 10 cities with Mumbai as the only Indian city.

Under Phase 2, Bengaluru,

Delhi and Maharashtra have been selected among 30 cities globally. While Delhi and Maharashtra governments have already signed an MoU, Karnataka is yet to do so.

The initiative will focus on speed management of vehicles, which is said to be the largest contributor to road accidents. The four areas of management will include data collection, training the police, media and communication such as awareness campaigns, and infrastructure wherein small tweaks will be done to designs for safety.

Covid-19 deaths likely to rise in Kerala: Shailaja

Health minister cites factors like high population density, comorbid patients

TS HC asks govt if it can hold exams online

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Thursday asked the

government if it can conduct the semester and final-year examinations of post-

graduate and undergraduate courses online in view of the spike in Covid-19 cases. Many students live in rural areas and have to travel to Hyderabad to write these examinations. In the absence of private

hostels, where will they stay, a division bench of the HC asked the government and directed it to inform the court if it can hold the exams online. The court feels that all colleges should hold the exams online.

HINTING at a looming crisis, Health Minister K K Shailaja has warned that the introduction of further relaxations to the lockdown may result in more Covid-19 fatalities in the state, with the hospitals even running short of ventilators. Various factors including a high population density, and the prevalence of comorbidities among the populace indicated an increased likelihood of fatalities, she said.

Speaking on a videoconference on Thursday, the minister said, "Kerala has managed to keep the number of deaths below 500. Ninety per cent of people who died were senior citizens. The prevalence of lifestyle diseases is also a serious concern, she said. "Though the Kerala Medical Service Corporation Ltd have been trying to procure more ventilators, it is evident that there is a shortage worldwide," she said. Despite these factors, it was owing to the state's collective effort that the Covid fatality count was kept in check, Shailaja said. Terminating the facilities at the Covid First-Line Treatment Centres in Ernakulam 'ideal', she said strengthening the 'Grand Care' programme for the elderly and controlling the virus spread in residential colonies should be the state's focus areas now.



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Police Department Office of the Director General of Police C.I.D, Special Units and Economic Offences, Carlton House, Palace Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

No.14/STS-1/MDN/CID/2019-20 Dated: 10.09.2020

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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 12.02.2020 calling upon the borrower (1) M/s. Riddhi Siddhi Lifecare Private Limited, Having office @ No. 1/1, First Floor, Chinnaswamy Mudaliar Road, Taskar Town, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560 051; (2) Mr. Narendra Kumar Porwal B (Managing Director), S/o. Late Mr. J. Bhawaral, No. 1-1A, 1st Floor, Chinnaswamy Mudaliar Road, Taskar Town Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore-560 051; (3) Mrs. Chandra Kumari (Director), W/o. Mr. Narendra Kumar Porwal B; (4) Vikas N Porwal (Director), S/o. Mr. Narendra Kumar Porwal B both residing at No. 71 "Sri Raksha Kanthavara", Govindappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004; (5) Mrs. Neha Porwal, W/o. Vipul Kankaria, No. 9, ETA Gardens Apartments, 1602C Block, Binnyston Garden, K P Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 23 and (6) Mrs. Natasha Porwal (Director), W/o. Marish Jain, No. 9, Shri Abhirami, 1st Floor, Basappa Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore - 560027 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 6,31,51,638.88 (Rupees Six Crores Thirty One Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Eighty Eight only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 05th day of September of the year 2020;

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Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.	Tender Online RWC-04-20	15.09.2020 at 11 A.M.	29.09.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.	28.09.2020 up to 2.00 P.M.	30.09.2020 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later.

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VACCINE PAUSE SHOWS THAT THERE CAN BE NO SHORTCUTS

Two developments in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic in the past two days have come as a rude shock to many. The first is the suspension of Phase-III trials being conducted by AstraZeneca-Oxford University for the vaccine that they are jointly developing. The other is the revelation that plasma therapy to treat seriously ill patients does not produce the kind of results that it was initially believed to deliver. The news on the vaccine front has caused concern worldwide. Although some experts are not surprised at the development as they say such adverse results are quite natural in the process of developing a vaccine, the pessimistic view is to point out that so far no vaccine has been developed against HIV. Whatever it is, the pause in the vaccine trial marks a setback, however temporary. The onus is now on the researchers to set at rest all doubts about the vaccine candidate's safety.

The vaccine pause only underlines the fact that there can be no shortcuts. Many experts had warned about the alacrity with which researchers and drug companies were going about the task. Although there is no time frame, it is believed that it takes a minimum of two years to develop vaccines. But most companies, driven partly by the potential financial windfall and partly by public pressure, promised to come up with a vaccine by the year end or early next year. An ugly race to be the first began worldwide, including in India, where the Indian Council of Medical Research, the government's apex research body, asked Bharat Biotech to be ready with a vaccine by Independence Day on August 15. There is no doubt the pandemic has played havoc. Millions have lost their livelihoods, companies are struggling to survive and many Covid patients are suffering from side effects even after recovery. But this does not mean there should be undue haste. Politicians and governments need to be cautious to not raise public hope unnecessarily. The public too needs to play its part. It takes little effort to practice physical distancing. It costs the bare minimum to buy a disposable mask. But the price to pay for irresponsibility can be steep.

KERALA BYPOLLS AN AVOIDABLE RISK

The Election Commission's announcement of its intention to conduct by-elections to two vacant Assembly seats in Kerala has expectedly triggered a debate, with questions being raised about the necessity of holding such an exercise at this time. The EC, while announcing its plans to hold elections to the Bihar Assembly as per schedule despite the Covid-19 crisis, also said 64 vacant Assembly seats across states will go to polls at the same time. Six of these are in three states—Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Assam (two each)—which will anyway have Assembly elections this coming summer. What this means is that, even if the bypolls are held in November as the EC has announced, the newly elected MLAs will have roughly four months in office before the next election is notified.

The ruling LDF in Kerala is opposed to the conduct of bypolls, and wants the opposition to support its demand to cancel the exercise. While the BJP too is not in favour of elections at the moment, the main opposition UDF has said it's ready for the bypolls but will back the LDF's demand if it agrees to put off local body elections as well. The parties have their reasons, which are more about politics than logic and the logistics of conducting elections during the time of pandemic at a huge risk and expense. But the question is, are these byelections necessary?

Section 151A of the Representation of the People Act says vacancies in Parliament and state Assemblies are required to be filled up through bypolls within six months if the remainder of the term is one year or more. The Kuttanad Assembly seat fell vacant in December last year and Chavara in early March. For both, the six-month window has expired. Though the vacancies arose when there was more than a year to go before the term of the Assembly ends, the polls could not be held due to the unusual situation. Now the remainder of the term is too brief to warrant an election. Besides, the rule also has a provision to do away with the process if the situation isn't conducive. Holding an avoidable election during the time of a raging pandemic is a risk best not taken.



One lesson of the Iraq War was supposed to be that it's very unhealthy to exclude dissenters and those who are skeptical of the prevailing media narrative

Glenn Greenwald

If Bob Woodward's error lay in delay of vital information, our media—as can be seen from the jungle of hashtags and screams on TV—short-circuits democracy in advance

THE MEDIA'S CULPABLE ETHICIDE

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hat does Bob Woodward have to do with Bihar? Nothing much, on the surface, except that both coincidentally relate to two impending elections—and thus figure in a larger story about democracy. Especially about one aspect that has come to supervene on everything else that passed before it: something that can only be defined in negation, a seed of anti-democracy operating now in the heart of the process. Bihar? The accumulated force of stereotypes is such that most readers will have no problem readily granting their assent to its inclusion in such a narrative. But Bob Woodward? He's one of the two star reporters of Watergate, the very acme of investigative journalism! Could there have been a higher instance of speaking truth to power than one which, ultimately, brought down an American president? So why him?

Well, as you read this, the American media landscape is roiled by debate on an acute ethical question. Woodward has just outed with a book titled *Rage*, based on conversations with US president Donald Trump, which contains an extraordinary revelation. Not very extraordinary if you always assume the worst about Trump,

which is a common enough reflex, but still a shocker.

So it turns out that Trump had confided in Woodward back in February itself that he knew exactly how deadly the Covid-19 virus was and what devastation it could wreak. Recall that this was a time when, instead of shoring up his country's battle-readiness for a pandemic, Trump was making light of the threat in the most cavalier manner—an attitude that most agree directly led to thousands and thousands of preventable deaths. (America is the world's worst-hit country, with over 1.93 lakh fatalities.)

One could of course question Trump's ethics; one could perhaps, with equal profit, interrogate the virus itself. An amoral cipher will stare back at us. So that's not it. Point is, why did Woodward wait seven months before making this revelation in a book released just before elections? Was it not part of his bounden duty to inform the American public that their President was taking them for a spin on a rollercoaster to hell—and save lives when he could? Woodward's defence—that he didn't know then Trump was not lying (!), didn't know the President's sources till

May, wished to offer context and not just information, and wanted to "hold him accountable" before election—wear a bit thin.

Now let's leave the election that's being watched keenly by the international community, and come to the one unfolding in the Indian backyard. What are the narratives driving it? Few other states would have been pushed so whole-sale into human distress by Covid season: for a good proportion of the penniless migrants you saw walking hundreds of miles in the Indian summer just to get back home, Bihar would have been home. Not that it would have brought succour: it's deprivation



The lifeblood of a democracy is informed consent, and the unimpeded flow of good, valuable, credible and relevant information is a prerequisite for that. To take on the onus of offering that to the people is the media's sole job. The tragic farce that we see these days, in its essence, is built on an inversion of that function. How not to disseminate news—or how to divert attention to trivialities or extraneous thrills—is the media's real function today

that impelled them outward in the first place. On top of that, there were devastating floods. Unlike Bombay or Gurgaon, floods in Bihar aren't 'sexy', in newsroom parlance. So you wouldn't know any of this if you followed this robust democracy's robust media. What's playing there is something that need not be repeated. A jungle of hashtags and screams on TV. Sushant Singh Rajput and Rhea Chakraborty are not people in themselves—dead or alive, though bleeding in either case. They are voodoo dolls into which the media can stick pins so as to produce an effect elsewhere.

The coming Bihar election, even in the less than ideal world we had, could have become an occasion to state a political choice: for solid political reasons. Those who prefer the Nitish Kumar administration, or even a solo run by its major coalition partner, the BJP, could have been given the choice to do so on positive grounds—if they deemed that such grounds exist. Instead, we have the spectacle of an election that is sought to be swayed on an issue that has only the thinnest symbolic connection to the life and economy of Bihar. Or to its complex politics and the way in which

it seeks to articulate the very real needs of the people of Bihar—or fails to do so.

The lifeblood of a democracy is informed consent, and the unimpeded flow of good, valuable, credible and relevant information is a prerequisite for that. To take on the onus of offering that to the people is the media's sole job—that is why it's seen as the very circulatory system in which oxygenated blood flows to all parts of the body politic. The tragic farce that we see these days, in its essence, is built on an inversion of that function. How not to disseminate news—or how to divert attention to trivialities or extraneous thrills—is the media's real function today. This may have once been called a distortion, but has by now hardened to become a template in itself.

Voting behaviour is a complex phenomenon, unduly impacted by issues of identity, social kinships and political affiliations—the final act is one that defies predictions. And yet, a vote is not an end in itself. It's only a means to secure the widest possible well-being. If Woodward's error lay in delay of vital information, our media short-circuits democracy in advance. (santwana@newindianexpress.com)

TO BUILD OR NOT TO BUILD: THAI KRA CANAL DILEMMA & CHINA

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ASIAN AXIS

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n the middle of August, Thai transport minister Sakasayam Chidchob, in an interview to *Bloomberg News*, said that Thailand was considering a road and railway link across the narrow tract of land in the south of the country, which has been the proposed site for building the Kra canal. In its aftermath, Indian media reports said that plans for the Kra canal had been called off and that it was a step back for the Chinese. Most of these reports linked the "retraction" of the proposal to build the canal to India's border tensions with China, erroneously implying a connection between the two. The statement by the transport minister referred to the possibility of building two ports in Chumphon and Ranong and connecting them through a network of overland linkages. This was in no way a reiteration of the end of the canal; it was more likely an addition to the canal, which has issues of sovereignty and environmental hazards linked to it. A deeper look at the geopolitics in the region and the political situation in Thailand currently will clearly reveal that the proposal is not "dead and gone", but like several of the

earlier efforts, is still in limbo.

The Isthmus of Kra, the region in question, is the narrowest strip of land in the Malay peninsula. For nearly two and a half centuries, attempts have been made to build a canal connecting the Indian and the Pacific Oceans. Historically, this canal was pushed by the French and as colonial expansion took shape, the Siamese (modern day Thailand) rulers ensured two important outcomes—first, Thailand remained independent from colonial rule and second, Britain's focus on retaining the primacy of Singapore as the most important trading centre triumphed over the efforts to build the canal.

The question of the Kra canal has been discussed almost since 1993. Much of its relevance has to do with increased shipping movement in the Straits of Malacca. The reason behind the proposed canal was to reduce the dependence on the Straits by connecting the Indian and the Pacific Oceans through an alternative route. Additionally, this would also reduce the travel time and eliminate the necessity of going around the Malay peninsula, a distance of nearly 1,200 kilomet-

res. At first glance, the question of Kra seems simple enough—just an alternate route—but within the deepening geopolitical environment in the Indo-Pacific region, the canal will significantly contribute to the existing stresses among the major powers and within groupings like the ASEAN itself.

Increasingly, as the global economic engine has shifted to the east, the Indian and Pacific Oceans have come under greater focus. Both China and India are rising economic powers, notwithstanding the current downturn globally as a result of the pandemic. As such, these countries are dependent on energy resources from West Asia, which necessitates an uninterrupted supply. Geopolitically, as Chinese assertions in the Indian and Pacific Ocean regions have increased, there is also greater vulnerability for the country, especially in terms of its overwhelming

dependence on the Straits of Malacca. Former Chinese president Hu Jintao had earlier coined the term "Malacca Dilemma", which was a reference to China's overarching reliance on the Straits, causing vulnerabilities in terms of its ability to access the seas and transport its goods and energy supplies. As Beijing seeks to increase its relevance through projects such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, the emphasis on alternatives to the Straits of Malacca will lead to an increase in its efforts to leverage the countries of Southeast Asia. It is in this specific context that the dilemma of the Kra canal comes into question.

Thai domestic politics in recent months has witnessed serious protests against the current government. The position of Prime Minister Prayut Chan-ocha is currently under attack as Thai stu-

dent organisations have taken to the streets to protest the alleged role of the government in the disappearance and killings of dissidents. One of the key challenges, at this time, is the issue of constitutional change: the protestors have been demanding changes to the constitution, especially alteration of the role that has been provided to the military in it. Since 2014, Prime Minister Chan-ocha, in his public pronouncements, has oscillated between the two positions of rejecting and supporting the Kra canal proposal, an indication of the dilemma that Thailand's political establishment faces on this. The late King Bhumibol Adulyadej was not in favour of the canal, especially because of the issues linked to Thailand's sovereignty. The current King Maha Vajiralongkorn, however, has been urged to consider the proposal and there has been no rejection of the plan yet. Thailand is clearly emphasising the importance of completing the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) and is seeing it as a potential link to the BRI, which has already pushed for a rail link between Thailand and Laos. While there are murmurs about potential refusals and withdrawals across the region with regards to the BRI, it is important to recognise and understand that each country will seek to leverage its maximum benefits. Thailand will be no exception and the dilemma "to build or not to build" will continue. (shankari@mail.jnu.ac.in)



THE KRA CANAL

The proposed alternative route to connect the Indian and Pacific Oceans. It would cut travel time as there would be no need to go around the Malay peninsula, a distance of around 1,200 km, and thus reduce China's dependence on the Straits of Malacca

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Rafale a game-changer

The formal induction of five Rafale jets into the Air Force at the Ambala air base will surely prove to be a game changer for the country. The location of the base for the jets has been chosen wisely, as from there it can reach enemies on both frontiers within a short time.

K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Quotas for locals

Even as the SC has passed an interim stay on the Maharashtra government's decision to increase job reservation for the Maratha community, one notices a disturbing trend of states becoming more and more exclusive with regards to providing jobs. States trying to give employment only to people of the same region goes against the ideals of our Constitution.

Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

Deserves Bharat Ratna

This is with reference to *KCR's gambit to appropriate Narasimha Rao's legacy* (Sep 10). It is surprising that the TRS government is celebrating the birth centenary of the late P V Narasimha Rao instead of the Congress. He is no doubt worthy of the Bharat Ratna, more so than some earlier awardees. But politicising the highest award in the country demeans its prestige.

O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Honouring former PM

Whatever be the motive of Telangana CM K Chandrababoo Naidu in resurrecting Narasimha Rao from oblivion, courtesy and justice demand his legacy be duly honoured. The nation owes him a great debt for initiating liberalisation and reviving its moribund economy.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Listening to people

This is with reference to the opinion article *The voices of citizens deserve to be heeded* (Sep 10). Seeking review from eminent citizens and the general public on major issues in the country is the right way to go about things. After all, a democracy's aim is the welfare of its citizens. Ignoring such opinions is like shunning the nation's people.

Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

True spirit of democracy

The article points out the need for our leaders to pay attention to public views regarding different government projects. Public acceptance depends on such actions. And therein lies the true spirit of democracy.

Methil Somasundaram, Padur

Exposes renowned scholars

This is with reference to *How some renowned scholars have aided in cultural theft* (Sep 10). The article has exposed the complicity of even renowned scholars in fabricating provenance of antiquities and facilitating their illegal trading under the pretext of academic studies.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Can't fast-track vaccine

The halt of the Oxford vaccine's clinical trials in the US, UK, South Africa, etc., due to an adverse reaction in a participant as well as experts' questioning the results of Russia's Sputnik-V vaccine show that fast-tracking the vaccine is not pragmatic. Unless there is a clear understanding of the virus and its reaction to our immune system, developing a vaccine would be difficult.

Biju Cheriyaakavil Mathew, T'puram

What is Sena doing?

The actions of the Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra government on a lone citizen, actress Kangana Ranaut, are like those of a fascist regime. The whole government machinery seems to be after her. The government should focus more on tackling Covid and rebuilding the economy rather than harassing an individual.

N Y Acharya, Udupi

Actor was impolite

The statement issued by Kangana to the media against Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray after the demolition of illegal alterations on her Mumbai bungalow was very impolite. She also bluntly compared Mumbai to PoK a few days ago. Kangana should be more careful with her words.

Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur



Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
As a politician, Paresh Rawalji had trolled me, however... I wish him best for NSD, because he will bring value to this role minus the politics



Dr Jitendra Singh @DrJitendraSingh
India has shown that show goes on smoothly despite crippling Covid crises



Kangana Ranaut @KanganaTeam
How many voices will Uddhav Thackeray suppress? He is nothing but an example of dynasty



Rajnath with his French counterpart Florence Parly in Ambala | SHEKHAR YADAV

‘INDUCTION OF RAFALE TO BE GAME CHANGER’

HARPREET BAJWA @Ambala

TERMINING the induction of five French-made multirole Rafale jets into the Indian Air Force as a ‘game changer,’ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said that it is a ‘big and stern’ message to those eyeing India’s sovereignty.

The first fleet of Rafale jets was formally inducted into the ‘Golden Arrows’ squadron of the IAF at the Ambala Air Force station in the presence of a galaxy of dignitaries, including French Defence Minister Florence Parly, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat and Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria.

“The induction of Rafale jets is a big and stern message for the entire world, especially to those eyeing our sovereignty. This kind of induction is very important for the kind of atmosphere that has been created on our borders,” Singh said, adding that the government is determined to do ‘everything possible’ to protect India’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.

“I would like to congratulate

late the IAF for its swift and deliberate action near the LAC during a recent unfortunate incident on the border. It shows your commitment,” Singh said. Calling induction of Rafale into IAF a historic moment, Singh said it also reflected “deep ties” between India and France.

“We have been successful in creating future-oriented ties...

India and France have common views in fighting against terrorism and expansion of UNSC,” Singh said.

Florence Parly, Minister of Armed Forces of France, said the programme to deliver the 36 fighter aircraft to India meant a lot. “In military terms, it means that India will acquire a world-class capability, truly among the best in the world that would give your air force an incredible sovereign tool,” she said. “In strategic terms, it means India will have an edge over the entire region to defend itself and protect its people.”

The minister said that her country is fully committed to integrate the Indian defence industry with France’s global military supply chain.

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Florence Parly, Minister of Armed Forces of France

With eye on China, India-Japan sign pact on sharing military logistics

MAYANK SINGH AND
PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

INDIA and Japan have signed an agreement that will allow their militaries to access each other’s bases for logistics support. The pact assumes significance as it comes in the wake of growing concerns over China’s increasing aggression towards its neighbours.

The agreement on Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between the Armed Forces of India and the Self-Defence Forces of Japan was signed by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and Ambassador of Japan Suzuki Satoshi on Wednesday. “This agreement establishes the enabling framework for closer cooperation between armed forces of India and Japan in reciprocal provision of supplies and services while engaged in bilateral training activities, UN Peacekeeping Operations, hu-



Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and Ambassador of Japan Suzuki Satoshi | PTI

manitarian international relief and other mutually agreed activities,” a statement read.

India said the agreement is expected to enhance bilateral defence cooperation as well as peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region. “India-Japan agreement on reciprocal provision of supplies and services between Indian armed forces and self-defence forces of Japan, also known as ACSA agreement, was signed yesterday between Defence Secretary and Japanese Ambassa-

dor,” MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

Modi talks to Abe

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held telephonic talks with his outgoing and Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe on Thursday.

“The two leaders discussed the status of ongoing cooperation and reviewed various projects including the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed railway project,” the MEA spokesperson said.

Sudarshan TV gets govt’s nod to air controversial show ‘Bindas Bol’

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has asked Sudarshan News, whose controversial programme promo claiming a “big expose on conspiracy to infiltrate Muslims in government service” came under judicial scrutiny, to ensure that the show does not violate the laid-down programme code, while noting that there is no pre-censorship of any programme telecast on TV channels.

The channel headed by Suresh Chavhanke claimed

vindication of its stance and said in a statement that it will air the programme ‘Bindas Bol’ on alleged Muslims’ ‘infiltration’ in UPSC on Friday at 8 PM. The programme had come under judicial scrutiny before the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court last month.

The apex court had refused to impose a pre-broadcast ban on Sudarshan TV from telecasting “Bindas Bol”, but the high court in an interim order stayed the telecast of the show.

ENS

‘Safety, efficacy of data must for Covid vaccine’

SHARING her own experience of fighting Covid-19, **Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson of Biocon Limited**, said that over time, people were learning to grapple with the crisis. There are no short cuts to developing a vaccine and the first step is to have a comprehensive data, she said in conversation with author and senior journalist **Kaveree Bamzai** at TNIE Expressions, a series of live web casts with people who matter.

Let’s talk about the vaccine because yesterday, a clinical trial was halted because of unforeseen circumstances. When do you see a vaccine coming?

I can understand accelerated approval for a cancer drug because it is a huge problem. But remember, this is about treat-

ing an illness. A vaccine actually immunises healthy people, hoping that you protect them against the virus. In order to do so, we have to have a lot of safety data, efficacy data. We need to have data on durability of response, which means how long it is going to protect you for. At the moment, the speed development that everyone is talking about is short-circuiting everything. Normally, it is a sequential process. So, you do a phase 1, a phase 2 and a large phase 3. A phase is where you realise which is the best and safest dose to give. In phase 2, you start studying the efficacy, and in phase 3, you do it in a very large population to ascertain it’s safe. Today what is happening is they have started doing things parallel... There are no shortcuts for vaccine devel-



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Kiran M Shaw, Chairperson, Biocon Limited

opments and it is for the safety of people worldwide that we do not rush through it.

This is the same vaccine as is being developed by the Serum institute?

It’s the same... In my view, the Serum Institute should have made a statement that ‘in view of the AstraZeneca vaccine programme being put on hold, we are also putting our programme on hold unless we understand what the problem is’.

What about Biocon? Are you involved in any efforts to develop the vaccine?

We are only supporting vaccine development. Our company Syngene is supporting many vaccine developers in

providing them with support. We can do categorisation of spike protein.

How has your company managed economic crisis?

We have actually hired people instead of laying off. What we have had is disruption in our work... We are testing our staff vigorously.

You have just come out from battling Covid-19.

This is a disease that people have not understood at early stages... Now, we have a much deeper understanding. ...I felt that since I am an influencer, I should say that I tested positive... I wanted to share my experiences to allay the fears of people testing positive.

Centre plans to review permit for off-label use of plasma therapy

Findings show that plasma therapy did not benefit moderately-ill Covid-19 patients

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

AS a major randomised control trial led by the ICMR has found convalescent plasma therapy nearly useless for Covid-19, the Centre is set to review its off-label use as part of the national clinical management protocol for coronavirus.

The findings of the trial carried out in 39 hospitals across 14 states and Union Territories, showed that plasma did not benefit moderately-ill Covid-19 patients either in terms of reducing mortality or progression.

The analysis has been released on MedRxiv, a preprint server of the health sciences, but is under peer-review before it is formally published in the ICMR’s Indian Journal of Medical Research.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the ICMR told this newspaper that the results of this trial will soon be taken into account to revise the treatment protocol.

The same was also confirmed by Dr Samiran Panda, the chief scientist at the ICMR.

“The study is under peer-review but we are going to discuss it in the Covid19 national task force and the ICMR Covid19 clinical research group—after which there could be some changes in the treatment protocol,” he said.

Sources in the ministry said that the review was particularly necessary because of the reported rampant black marketing for plasma and over-emphasis by some states



A health worker conducts coronavirus Rapid Antigen test at the district administration office in Jalandhar | PTI

on Covid-19 treatment using plasma therapy.

Several states, including Delhi, have set up plasma banks but in the wake of the latest trial results—it remains unclear what will happen to these.

Meanwhile, the ICMR study involved 464 patients with breathing difficulties and oxygen saturation level of less than 93%, of whom 235 were given convalescent plasma with antibodies against SARS CoV2, received from donors who had recovered.

In the comparison group, 229 patients received only standard care.

Those in the intervention group were transfused with two doses of 200 ml plasma 24 hours apart. Both the intervention and control groups were compared after 28 days.

The results showed that 34 patients or 13.6% who received plasma therapy died while 31 patients or 14.6% who did not receive it, succumbed to the infection. Also, 17 patients in each group progressed to have severe disease.

States must ensure RTPCR test for symptomatic people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi



Tests will also ensure early detection and isolation/hospitalisation of such false negatives. The states have also been advised to analysis on a regular basis to monitor the incidence of positives during the RT-PCR tests conducted as a follow up

Centre

NOTING that in many large states symptomatic Covid-19 negative cases being tested by Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) are not being followed up by RT-PCR testing, the Centre on Thursday asked them to mandatorily do that.

In a joint letter written to the states, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the ICMR have said that two specific categories of persons must necessarily be retested through RT-PCR tests. These include all symptomatic and asymptomatic RAT negative cases that develop symptoms within 2 to 3 days of being tested negative. The directive came on a day the country detected a record 95,735 fresh cases and registered 1,172 deaths within a 24-hour period. India now has 4,465,863 confirmed cases of which 9,19, 018 active cases. In the letter, the Centre said that the move is necessary to ensure that symptomatic negative cases do not remain untested and do not spread the disease among their contacts.

“This will also ensure early detection and isolation/hospitalization of such false negatives,” said the letter. The ministry has also urged the states to urgently establish a monitoring mechanism in every district.

‘65L adult infections were estimated in India by early May’

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

FOR every RTPCR confirmed Covid-19 case in India by early May, there were 82-130 actual cases of infection, the findings of the first population level national serosurvey carried out by the ICMR has shown.

The study, which after nearly three months of the survey, has now been published in the ICMR’s Indian Journal of Medical Research also suggests that when India had less than 60,000 confirmed Covid-19 cases in—the actual infection size was over 100 times bigger; “A cumulative 6,468,388 adult

infections were estimated in India by the early May,” says the survey based on testing 28,000 individuals across 70 districts for the presence of antibodies against SARS CoV2.

The blood samples for the survey had been collected between May 11 to June 4.

The districts had been chosen based on high, medium, low and zero prevalence of the confirmed Covid cases and overall, 0.73% of the samples tested had antibodies against the virus. “The findings of the first national population-based serosurvey indicated that 0.73 per cent of adults in India were

exposed to SARS-CoV-2 infection, amounting to 6.4 million infections in total by the early May 2020,” noted the authors.

The seroprevalence ranged between 0.62 and 1.03 per cent across the four strata of districts but interestingly the survey showed that the highest seroprevalence was in districts categorised as “medium” prevalence. Also in “zero” prevalence districts—where there were no official cases—0.62% of the population had exposure to the Covid19 virus.

“The high infection to case ratio in India could be on account of the prioritization of

testing among symptomatic or the variability in testing rates across the states,” notes the study. It also says that the infection fatality rate per 10,000 infections as on June 1 ranged between 0.27 in the low stratum and 15.04 in the high stratum districts.

The results of the first part of the survey have been released even as a second serosurvey is underway in the same districts. The second part of the exercise—which was to assess the true prevalence of the infection in containment zones in hotspot districts, however, is yet to be released.

NEET authorities to decide if symptomatic candidates can write test

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AHEAD of the NEET exam in the next week, the Centre on Thursday issued revised SOP for examinations which said that the discretion of whether to allow a Covid19 symptomatic person to write the test will lie with the examination authorities.

An earlier SOP released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare last week had said that if someone with symptoms insists on appearing in the test, they may be al-

lowed to write it in a separate isolation room with adequate cautionary measures.

The latest SOP also stressed that test conducting authorities need to plan out the schedule in a staggered manner so as to avoid overcrowding at examination centres on any day.

“Only those examination

centres which are outside the containment zone shall be allowed to function. The staff or examinees from containment zones shall not be permitted,” said the advisory.

Such examinees should be given an opportunity to undertake the examination through other means or the universities, edu-



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cational institution or agency may consider appropriate measures in this regard, it added. The educational institutions should have adequate room capacity to ensure proper seating arrangement for examination.

Appropriate arrangements for personal protection gears such as face covers and masks, and other logistics such as hand sanitisers shall be made available by centres to the staff as well as students as per requirements.

There should be enough en-

try and exit gates for students and staff shall be ensured to avoid overcrowding and maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet, when queuing up for entry and inside the centre as far as feasible.

All staff that are at high risk for developing serious disease in case of infection, such as older employees, pregnant employees and employees who have underlying medical conditions should not be deployed for invigilation or conduct of examination, the ministry has suggested.

Raghuvansh quits RJD, Lalu says no way

Miffed with proposed induction of LJP's Rama Singh; buzz is he may join ruling JD-U

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

Lalu's Man Friday

BIHAR'S main opposition party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, received yet another major setback on Thursday when its national vice-president Raghuvansh Prasad Singh resigned from the party.

Singh has apparently been miffed with the party's functioning for quite some time, but it's the proposed entry of his arch rival Rama Kishor Singh, who defeated him in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, that reportedly proved to be the proverbial last straw.

In his resignation letter to jailed RJD chief Lalu Prasad, Singh wrote that he stayed with him (Lalu) for 32 years, "...but not now... now forgive me".

Lalu, however, has sought to placate an ailing Raghuvansh and has written to him saying that he wanted to discuss the matter once the leader recovers and is discharged from hospital. At present, Singh is admitted at AIIMS-Delhi after he developed pain in the chest.

"My family, I and the entire RJD family wants you to get well soon and discharged from the hospital. In the last four decades, we have resolved all political, social and family matters together. First you get well soon, then we will discuss the issues once again," Lalu said in his letter. Citing 'family relations', he further said that "it is for sure that you are not going anywhere from RJD".

Singh, a former Union minister who was the party's trouble shooter, had in June expressed unhappiness over some of the new inductions and had offered

A mathematics professor in Sitamarhi district, Raghuvansh Prasad Singh entered politics as a socialist leader

Came in contact with Karpoori Thakur and went to jail in 1973 during the United Socialist Party movement

Was jailed again under MISA during JP movement in 1974

Elected to Lok Sabha for first time in 1996 from Vaishali

Was Union minister for rural development from 2004 to 2009

Lost to Rama Singh of LJP in 2014 LS election from Vaishali

to resign, but continued following the assurance that Rama Singh would not be inducted into the party. However, a few days ago, Rama Singh's name was tossed up as the party candidate from Lalgaon. Raghuvansh had also expressed his displeasure when the party made businessman AP Singh its candidate for the RS polls.

With Singh's resignation, eight MLA, MLCs and former MP have quit the RJD ahead of polls in Bihar and seven of them have joined the JD-U. Reacting on the resignation, JD-U leader Lallan Singh said RJD does not value even a senior most leader like Raghuvansh. Though no official statement came either from Singh or the JD-U, it is learnt that Singh may join the ruling party after he is discharged from AIIMS.

PM launches fishery scheme in poll-bound Bihar

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@ New Delhi/Patna

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi launched an ambitious fisheries scheme in poll-bound Bihar on Thursday and hailed the Nitish Kumar government for expansion of the network of drinking water and providing relief to the people hit by the pandemic.

The Matsya Sampada Yojana was launched in 21 states with an investment of ₹20,000 cr. "Out of this, projects worth ₹1,700 cr are being launched today," he said, adding that under this scheme many facilities were inaugurated at Patna, Purnia, Sitamarhi, Madhepura, Kishanganj and Samastipur in Bihar.

Bihar is likely to go to the polls in October-November.

"In 4-5 years only two per



Bihar CM Nitish Kumar interacts with PM Modi at the launch of the scheme | PTI

Bihar has litchi, amla, makhana, Madhubani painting, maize and many other such products. The more vocal we become for these local products, the more Bihar will become self-reliant and sufficient

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

cent houses in Bihar had water connections and now over 70 per cent households have supply of clean drinking water. The Bihar government is now getting further support for the Jal Jeevan Mission of the Centre," Modi said after launching the scheme through video conference.

Despite the Covid pandemic, he said, about 60 lakh houses in Bihar got water connection. "It is the strength of our villages that despite the corona, grains, fruits, vegetables and milk continued to come to the mandis, to the dairies without any shortage."

He also stated that the Kisan Samman Nidhi has also directly transferred money to the bank accounts of more than 10 crore farmers of the country, including about 75 lakh in Bihar. "This work is praiseworthy

because Bihar has also faced floods bravely along with the corona. Both the state and the Centre has taken efforts to complete relief work at a fast pace. The benefits of the scheme of free ration and the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan will reach every needy in Bihar and every migrant family that returned from outside."

Modi motivated the people to explore entrepreneurship by being 'vocal for locals' to make Bihar as well as India 'atmanirbhar'. "Bihar has litchi, zardalu mango, amla, makhana, Madhubani painting, maize and many other such products in its districts. We have to be more vocal for these local products. The more vocal we become for these products, the more Bihar will become self-reliant and sufficient."

Regional arch rivals fight for RS Dy Speaker post

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@ New Delhi

AHEAD of the battle for Bihar, the Rajya Sabha will see a JD-U versus RJD fight in the Rajya Sabha for the post of deputy chairman next week with the opposition deciding to field RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha against NDA candidate Hariwansh.

Hariwansh's tenure as deputy chairman ended in April and he was re-elected to the House from Bihar. Jha, a Delhi University professor and first-time MP, will file nomi-

nation on Friday. A number of opposition leaders, including Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress Deputy Leader Anand Sharma, Congress's chief whip in upper house Jairam Ramesh and leaders from TMC, Left parties, DMK, AAP and others, are expected to accompany Jha while filing his nomination papers.

The election will be held on the first day of the Monsoon session starting September 14.

Based on the House strength, numbers are stacked

'Parliament prepared for Monsoon session'

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said elaborate arrangements have been made for the upcoming Monsoon session of Parliament. There will be sitting arrangements for 257 members in the Lok Sabha Chamber and 172 members will be seated in the Lok Sabha Galleries.

in favour of Hariwansh who is also expected to get support of other regional parties like Biju Janata Dal, YSR Congress party and Telangana

Rashtra Samiti. Bihar CM and JD-U chief Nitish Kumar has dialled Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik seeking support for Hariwansh.

The opposition also considered the name of DMK MP Tiruchi Siva but he refused to contest. The Opposition's decision to field the RJD MP against the JD (U) MP for the post makes the fight interesting keeping in mind the crucial Bihar election is expected next month which pits the ruling NDA against the Mahagathabandhan of the opposition parties.

FRAUD

Ram Mandir trust duped of ₹6 lakh

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust was targeted by fraudsters who swindled off ₹6 lakh from the trust's bank accounts in Ayodhya.

The trust has an account in Naya Ghat branch of the SBI in Ayodhya. Trust general secretary Champat Rai and trustee Dr Anil Mishra are co-signatories of the account.

The breach came to light when a cheque worth ₹9.86 lakh was submitted at a Lucknow branch of the SBI following which the bank contacted the trust for confirmation.

As per police sources, the amount of ₹6 lakh was withdrawn in two transactions of ₹2.5 lakh and ₹3.5 lakh through cloned cheques from Lucknow on September 1 and 8.

When informed, Rai lodged an FIR against unidentified burglars at the Kotwali police station in Ayodhya. The FIR was lodged late on Wednesday night. The trust head then lodged the FIR against unidentified persons who were booked under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC. The district police have set up two teams of IT cell along with local cops to probe into the matter.

The police teams are scanning the CCTV footage of that the SBI branch in Lucknow from where the money was transferred. Cyber crime experts of the Uttar Pradesh Police are also investigating the breach of the bank account of temple trust.

No woman officer present during NCB questioning, Rhea alleges in bail plea

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ACTOR Rhea Chakraborty has in her bail application said that no woman officer was present during her interrogation by the Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB). She has also claimed that she was "coerced into making self-incriminatory confessions".

A special court in Mumbai reserved its order on the bail plea of the 28-year-old actor and her brother Showik Chakraborty. The order will be pronounced on Friday.

Rhea, who was booked under the NDPS Act, was arrested on Tuesday after three days of questioning. "...Multiple male officers of NCB interrogated her and there was not a single woman officer in the team that interrogated her. As per the Supreme Court's decision in the case of Sheela Barse vs State of Maharashtra, it is mandatory to have a woman officer while interrogating a woman accused," the plea stated.

It further stated that there is a serious threat to her life if she were to be unduly detained in judicial custody as she has "been at the receiving end of hundreds of death and rape threats".



Kangana Ranaut inspects her office at Pali Hill in Mumbai on Thursday | PTI

Demolition done after notice ignored by Kangana: BMC

MUMBAI: The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation informed the Bombay HC that actor Kangana Ranaut had carried out illegal construction at the property at Pali Hill in Mumbai.

In an affidavit, the BMC said its employees were threatened and roughed up by security staff of the actor. "She is seeking to cover up her flagrantly illegal acts. She has unlawfully made substantial additions and alterations contrary to the sanctioned plan without per-

mission. The unlawful alterations include work for new toilets, expansion of existing toilets into cabins or rooms, construction of pantry, kitchen, cabins etc," it said.

The BMC contended that the demolition was done because Ranaut did not stop work even after a notice that the illegal construction be stopped and removed within 24 hours. The actor has not disputed carrying out these unlawful alterations and additions in the writ petition, it added. ENS

Maha mulls SIT probe in Bhima Koregaon case

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER the NIA arrested three Kabir Kala Manch members in Bhima Koregaon case, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Thursday said the Maharashtra government is seeking legal opinion whether it can set up a SIT to probe the case.

Pawar alleged that the Pune youths had been unnecessarily arrested in name of being Naxalites. "We are seeking legal opinion on whether the state government has the right to call a separate inquiry parallel to the central agency. We had a review of this development (the arrests) and will take an appropriate decision," he said.

The issue of forming an SIT in the Bhima Koregaon case was also discussed at a meeting between Pawar and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday. State Home Minister Anil Deshmukh and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar were also present at the meeting. Congress minister Nitin Raut termed the arrests a BJP conspiracy. Several activists, including writer Varavara Rao, have been arrested by the NIA in the case.

BJP targets 50% vote share in Bengal polls

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@ New Delhi/Kolkata

BJP chief J P Nadda on Thursday alleged that the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal is working with an "anti-Hindu mindset".

Nadda claimed that the Mamata Banerjee government deliberately decided on lockdown in the state on August 5 when PM Modi laid foundation of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

"Mamata Banerjee had lifted lockdown just five days ago on the occasion of Bakrid, but she imposed when the foundation of Ram temple was being laid to hurt the sentiments of millions of Hindus. If this is not politics of appeasement and vote bank, then what it is called," Nadda said addressing the state executive of the BJP on Thursday through video conference. "The TMC government is working with anti-Hindu mindset."

The BJP state unit has seen faction fighting with government had on September 7 issued an order directing oxygen production units to supply 80% production for medical treatment in the state, while remaining 20% could be used for industrial purposes in Maharashtra only.

Talking to journalists after chairing a meeting to take stock of the pandemic situation, Chouhan said Thackeray



the party leaders vying for spaces ahead of the next year's Assembly elections in Bengal. Senior leader Kailash Vijayvargiya has been tasked by the party top brass to get the semblance of unity in the state unit.

Nadda told the state executive that the BJP has to aim for 50 per cent vote share in the state to "throw the anti-poor Mamata Banerjee government". "In 2011, the BJP had polled just 4%, which grew to 18% in 2014. The BJP polled 40% vote share in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The party has now to work to get 50% vote share in the Assembly elections," he said.

Oxygen supply: Chouhan dials Uddhav

BHOPAL Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan spoke to his Maharashtra counterpart Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday, appealing him not to stop the supply of oxygen to the state in view of the rising number of Covid-19 patients.

According to sources in the Madhya Pradesh health department, the Maharashtra

government had on September 7 issued an order directing oxygen production units to supply 80% production for medical treatment in the state, while remaining 20% could be used for industrial purposes in Maharashtra only.

Talking to journalists after chairing a meeting to take stock of the pandemic situation, Chouhan said Thackeray

had assured him that although Maharashtra was itself facing difficulties due to the rising number of Covid cases still he would make efforts to ensure that the supply of oxygen to MP isn't affected.

Chouhan said alternative arrangements are also being made. The central state reported 2,100 Covid-19 cases on Thursday. ENS



Ranchi Zoo to offer virtual tour

The Bhagawan Birsa Biological Park aka the Ranchi Zoo is all set to offer virtual tour of its premises and enclosures for the animal lovers amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The 256-acre park, which is home to 78 species of animals, birds and reptiles, attracts hundreds of visitors from different parts of the state. It has been closed since lockdown was imposed in the country in March this year. Now a dedicated website is being developed and around 156 CCTV cameras are being set up across the park in order to facilitate animal lovers to visit the park online, said officials. The CCTVs will also help zoo officials study animal behaviour and check on their health periodically.



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RANCHI DIARY

Assembly likely to discuss Sama Code

The Hemant Soren government is planning to introduce the Sama Code, a separate religious code for people who worship nature, for discussion in the state assembly during the upcoming Monsoon session. The Sama Code had featured in the election manifesto of Mahagathabandhan parties including Congress and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. Various tribal groups are exerting pressure on the ruling and opposition parties to bring a bill for a separate religious code for tribals. Recently, leaders from various tribal organisations met former chief minister and BJP legislative party leader Babulal Marandi seeking support for the Sama Code. The group also met All Jharkhand Students Union chief Suresh Mahto and other tribal groups.



CCL record 2 lakh ton coal dispatch in a day

The Magadh-Amrapali project of Central Coalfield Limited (CCL) made history on September 8 by loading 17 rakes of coal for the first time. Over 2 lakh tons of coal was also dispatched on Tuesday from the entire CCL in a single day in this financial year. It is a major achievement during the coronavirus period. Simultaneously, 12 tons of rake coal was lifted on a single line, breaking its record of Shivpur railway siding. The coal transmission was affected by a large extent due to the lockdown implemented during the Covid-19 global pandemic. The CCL is now steadily moving back towards its goal in coal production and dispatch.

Covid-19 test mandatory for legislators

The three-day monsoon session of Jharkhand Assembly is scheduled to start on September 18. A Covid-19 negative test taken not more than 72 hours before its commencement has been made mandatory for every MLA attending the session. According to the guidelines and standard operating procedures issued by Assembly Secretary Mahendra Prasad, legislators have also been advised to use face masks, face shields and hand gloves throughout the session. Those legislators who may not be able to attend the session, due to infection or experiencing symptoms related to Covid-19, may ask their questions through other MLAs present after informing the Assembly Secretariat 24 hours in advance.



France, Germany offer to take in Moria minors

Hosting of young refugees from island to be shared among EU members

BERLIN/ATHENS

GERMAN Chancellor Angela Merkel on Thursday announced a Franco-German plan to take in minors left homeless after a huge fire destroyed the biggest refugee camp in Greece, saying she hoped other EU countries would join in.

"As a preliminary step we are offering to Greece to accept refugees who are minors — other steps must follow," Merkel told a panel discussion in Berlin, adding that the European Union must "finally assume more shared responsibility" for migration policy. A source close to the talks told AFP earlier that Merkel, whose country holds the EU presidency, and French President Emmanuel Macron had agreed on an initiative for EU member states to take in around 400 minors from the destroyed Moria camp.

The hosting of the young refugees from Moria would be shared out among EU member states, the source said.

The final figure was still an estimate and could change depending on ongoing negotiations, said the source.

"We will try to commit a maximum of European countries to receive refugees, in par-



A migrant woman sits on a burned bed in the Moria refugee camp on the northeastern island of Lesbos, Greece, on Thursday | AP

ticular minors," Macron said. The severely overcrowded camp Moria on the Greek island of Lesbos housed some 12,700 asylum seekers, including 4,000 children, before it was destroyed in a fire this week.

The Greek government said it had sent three flights to remove 406 unaccompanied minors from the island and re-house them in "safe" facilities in northern Greece.

It remains unclear if the German-French initiative involves these minors.

Former residents of Greece's largest camp, which had been under coronavirus lockdown,

returned to the area in the early morning hours to pick through the charred remains of their belongings, salvaging what they could. Many spent the night sleeping in the fields, by the side of the road or in a small graveyard.

Authorities said both fires in the camp on the island of Lesbos were deliberately started, with the first one on Tuesday evening set by residents angered by quarantine measures imposed to contain a Covid-19 outbreak. That blaze had left about 3,500 of the more than 12,500 people living in and around Moria homeless. AFP

Pressure to stifle security intel reports: Official

WASHINGTON

A DEPARTMENT of Homeland Security official said in a whistleblower complaint that he was pressured by more senior officials to suppress facts in intelligence reports that US President Donald Trump might find objectionable, including information about Russian interference in the election and the rising threat posed by white supremacists.

The official, Brian Murphy, alleged that senior DHS officials also pressed him to alter reports so they would reflect administration policy goals and that he was demoted for refusing to go along with the changes and for filing confidential internal complaints about the conduct. Murphy came to DHS in March 2018 from the FBI. The former FBI agent and Marine Corps veteran, was demoted in August from his post as principal deputy under secretary in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis. He is seeking to be reinstated in a complaint filed with the DHS Office of Inspector General.



Representative Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, on Wednesday released the complaint, which he said contained "grave and disturbing" allegations. Murphy said he made a number of reports on Russian disinformation efforts to senior DHS and administration officials between March 2018 and March 2020. The details are classified and not included in the complaint. AP

'Lanka's 20th amendment to constitution not perfect'

COLOMBO

THE proposed 20th amendment to Sri Lanka's Constitution is not perfect and will see further changes moved at the committee stage of the parliamentary debate, the government's joint spokesman Udaya Gammanpila said on Thursday.

He was responding to a question about a letter written by the pro-government Federation of National Organisations (FNO) to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa last week, requesting a review of the draft amendment.

The 20th amendment will restore full executive powers to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa over his brother and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

The 19th amendment empowered Parliament by watering down the powers of the presidency. Since its gazetting on September 3, various groups have been expressing opposition to some of the provisions in the amendment.

Two weeks are being allowed from that date for interested parties to express an opinion on it or go to the Supreme Court against it. The highest court will be allowed another week to make its ruling on the amendment's constitutionality. PTI

DON'S 20 SUPREME COURT JUDGES LIST

Hoping to replicate a strategy long seen as key to his appeal among conservative voters, US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced he is adding 20 names to a list of Supreme Court candidates he's pledged to choose from if he has future vacancies to fill. We take a look



TRIED AND TESTED STRATEGY

The release is aimed at repeating the strategy that Trump employed during his 2016 campaign, when he released a similar list of could-be judges in a bid to win over conservative and evangelical voters who had doubts about his conservative bonafides

Nearly half of those on the list are non-judges
Women represent less than a third

CRITICAL SENATORS PART OF LIST

- The list includes a trio of conservative Republican senators
- The three are all potential 2024 Republican presidential candidates
- Ted Cruz of Texas
- Tom Cotton of Arkansas
- Josh Hawley of Missouri

NOEL FRANCISCO, FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL

Francisco also defended Trump's travel ban, his unsuccessful push to add a citizenship question to the US census and the decision to wind down the DACA programme

DANIEL CAMERON, KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL

He is currently deciding whether to criminally charge three Louisville police officers in the March shooting death of Breonna Taylor

OTHERS ON THE LIST

- Bridget Bade, a judge on the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals
- Paul Clement, a former US solicitor general
- Stuart Kyle Duncan, a judge on the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals
- Steven Engel, who heads the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice
- James Ho, judge on the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals
- Gregory Katsas, judge on the DC Circuit Court of Appeals
- Barbara Lagoa, judge on the 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals
- Christopher Landau, the US ambassador to Mexico
- Carlos Muniz, a justice on the Florida Supreme Court
- Martha Pardo, a judge for the Northern District of Illinois
- Peter Phipps, a judge on the 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals
- Sarah Pittlyk, a judge for the Eastern District of Missouri
- Allison Jones Rushing, a judge on the 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals
- Kate Todd, a deputy White House counsel
- Lawrence VanDyke, a judge on the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals



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Donald Trump, US President

FORMER TRUMP AIDES

- The list includes a number of people who have worked for Trump's administration
- Gregory Katsas, judge on the DC Circuit Court of Appeals
- Katsas served as a legal adviser on some of the president's executive orders restricting travel for citizens of predominantly Muslim countries



Huge fire breaks out again at Beirut port

BEIRUT: A huge fire broke out on Thursday at the Port of Beirut, sending up a thick column of black smoke and raising new panic among traumatised residents after last month's catastrophic blast at the same site killed nearly 200 people. It was unclear what caused the blaze at the facility, which was decimated by the August 4 explosion. There was speculation in Beirut that Thursday's fire could be an attempt to destroy evidence from the explosion. Port director Bassem al-Qaisi told Voice of Lebanon radio the fire started in a warehouse where barrels of cooking oil were placed and later spread nearby to where tires were piled

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AFFIDAVIT

I, NEELAM BOURY, aged about 51 years, D/o Late Mr. M.G Chandra, residing at #66, CK Gardens, Wheeler Road Ext., Thomas Town, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from NEELAM BOURY to NEELAM KAMALL, henceforth I shall be known as NEELAM KAMALL for all intents and purpose, vide affidavit dated 08.09.2020, before Advocate & Notary, B. CHITRA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PARVEEZ AHMED, Res.No.6, Sriranga Nilaya, 3rd Floor, RMV 2nd Stage, New BEL Road, Jalahadshini Layout, Bangalore - 560094, do hereby changed name from PARVEEZ AHMED to PRAVEEN KUMAR KULKARNI with immediate effect vide affidavit dated-21.08.2020, Chandrakala, Bangalore for all purposes in future.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SABIHA RAFFEQ, Res.No.112, 5th Cross, 2nd Main, Anusuyav Chandrapa Layout, Bharathnagar, M.S Palya, Vidyanayapura, Bangalore -560097, do hereby changed name from SABIHA RAFFEQ to SABIHA RAFIQ with immediate effect vide affidavit dated-08.09.2020, Chandrakala, Bangalore for all purposes in future

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Prem Kumar D, have Changed My Minor Son's Name (OLD NAME) SUSHIL ARTIBAN, aged 15 years, Residing @ #ES5, E Block, 2nd Floor, SVS Ananda Nilayam Apartment, Yera nappalya Main Road, Rammurthy Nagar, Doornavinagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-16, Shall henceforth be known as (NEW NAME) YANICK SUSHIL, vide affidavit: IN KA1539050092991S vide affidavit: Dated: 07/09/2020 sworn before Notary Gerard A, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KHYATHI HASMUKH PANERIA, residing at No. 97/A, "Guru Kirana", 3rd Main, Lakshmi Layout, Mico Layout 2nd Stage, Arekere, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560 076, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to KHYATHI PANERIA, for all purposes vide affidavit dated 10/09/2020 before Notary Mahesha J.J., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AMOGH SHETTY S/o PRASANNABABU BELLURU SRINIVASA, R/at NO.17, 1st C main, 2nd Phase, 80th Feet Road, Girinagar, Bengaluru-560085 have changed my name to AMOGH SHETTY BELLURU PRASANNABABU vide affidavit dated: 10/09/2020 Before Notary A.S.Narayana Reddy Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMAD KHALEELUR RAHMAN R/at No.641, 1st Cross, Hennur Main Road, St.Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to ANWAR PASHA TIRPATTUR vide affidavit dated:10/09/2020 Before Notary Smt. Rajamani Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHABANA W/o Aejaz Ahmed K Z, R/at No. 154/1, old No.271, 2nd Floor, 2nd cross, Nagawara Arabic College, Bengaluru -560045 have changed my name to KAREEMUNNISA vide affidavit dated: 09/09/2020 Before Notary C.Sharada Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAZUMUNNISA R/at No.641, 1st Cross, Hennur Main Road, St.Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to NAJUMUNNISA vide affidavit dated:10/09/2020 Before Notary Smt. Rajamani Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAMRATHA .B (NAMRATHA) D/o Biradar Basawaraj, R/at No. 02, 8th Cross, 3rd Phase, 5th Block, Behind Kamakya Theater, Dena Bank Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore -560085 have changed my name to NAMRATHA BIRADAR vide affidavit dated:09/09/2020 Before Notary H.G.Padmanabha Rao Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PALLAVI PALSOKAR W/o Nishanth Gopal Royyur, R/at A-104, Innovative Petal, Near BMA College Doddanekundi Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name to PALLAVI NISHANTH ROYYUR vide affidavit dated:09/09/2020 Before Notary B.Seshagiri Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SOBIYA KAUSER W/of Mohammad Omar Sheriff, R/at S1, Tawakkal Residency, No12, High Street, Cooke Town, Bengaluru-560005 have changed my name to SYEDA SOBIYA KAUSER vide affidavit dated:10/09/2020 Before Notary B.Seshagiri Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BASAVARAJ.S S/o R.Subbaiah, R/at No.34, Gubbabala, Bangalore-560061, have changed my name to SRIKANTH. S vide affidavit dated: 07/09/2019 Before Notary: G.R.Rajanna Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOGAL GOUSIA, Spouse of No. 16117078Y L/NK Ali Baig, residing at Vill: Chandole (Post) Mandal : Pittalavani Palem, Dist: Guntur, State: Andhra Pradesh, PIN:522311, have changed my name from MOGAL GOUSIA to GOUSIA BEGUM vide affidavit Dated 09/09/2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 16113570M HAV/ Kalla Ramesh Unit 13 FD Coy, 4 ENGR REGT, C/o 99 APO, PIN:914004, have changed my Son name from GNAN DEEP NAIDU to KALLA GNADEEP NAIDU vide affidavit Dated 08/09/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Miss. MICHELLE JOHN D'SOUZA, D/o. Mr. John D'Souza, aged 23 years, Riat. No. 102, R&S Homes, No. 14, Lewis Road, Bangalore-560005, have declared that my name is entered in Adhar Card Ms. Michelle D'Souza and Passport No. D 3553336 mentioned as Michelle John D'Souza. I hereby declare to change my name from MICHELLE JOHN D'SOUZA to MICHELLE D'SOUZA vide affidavit dated 29-07-2020 sworn before notary S.I. Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. John D'Souza, S/o. Mr. Benjamin D'Souza, R/at No. 102, R&S Homes, No. 14, Lewis Road, Bangalore-560005, I declared that my daughter name is entered in Adhar Card as, MALLAIKA D'SOUZA in her Passport No. S6318230 mentioned as MALLAIKA MARIAN D'SOUZA I hereby declare to change my daughter name from MALLAIKA MARIAN D'SOUZA to MALLAIKA D'SOUZA vide affidavit dated 23-07-2020 sworn before notary S.I. Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HANUMANTHARAJU.M, Residing at No. 876, 14th Main Road, Gokula 1st Phase, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054, have changed my name from HANUMANTHARAJU.M to HEMANTH RAJ.M vide affidavit Dated 10/09/2020 sworn before Notary Lakshmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIJAYAMMA, W/o Late Devaraju, currently residing at #1211, 1st Main, M C Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560040, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as VIJAYALAKSHMI vide affidavit dated 10.09.2020 before notary N K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANAND IYER, S/o Mahadevan Iyer and Resident at Flat 201, The Milagres, 2nd Floor, No 749/2, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 095, have changed my name from ANAND MAHADEVAN IYER to ANAND IYER. Vide affidavit dated 10-09-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Smt. Rajamani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAFFEQ UNNISA, W/o Atmakur Chand Basha and Resident at Flat No. NC403, Shriram Smriti Apartments, Attibele, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562107, have changed my name from RAFFEQUNNEESA to RAFFEQ UNNISA. Vide affidavit dated 10-09-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Smt. Rajamani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ADITI RAM JAGAN, resident of No. 218, First Floor, 2nd 'A' Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore - 560 043, have changed my name from ADITI RAM SOWMYARAM to ADITI RAM JAGAN. Vide affidavit dated 10.9.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary T.V. Chandra Shekara Reddy, Bangalore.

DECLARATION OF NAME

I, ELAYAS OSMAN SAYED @ ELAYAS O.S @ ILIYAS O.S @ ILIYAS O.S, S/o Late OSMAN BASHA SAYABU @OSMAN B.S @ USMAN @ USMAN B.S, Riat. Presently Riat. No. 149, 2nd main, 4th cross, Prakashnagar VTC, Srirampuram PO, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560021, heretofore in all records, deeds & writings in all proceedings dealings & transactions private use my name (ie submit that ELAYAS OSMAN SAYED @ ELAYAS O.S @ ILIYAS O.S @ ILIYAS O.S & my Father name S/o Late OSMAN BASHA SAYABU @OSMAN B.S @ USMAN @ USMAN B.S respectively, my & father names are belongs to us only & wherever, vide affidavit dated: 14.08.2020 sworn before notary R.S.Vijay, Bangalore-43.

DECLARATION OF NAME

I, AMEENUDDIN ELAYAS SAYED, S/o ELAYAS OSMAN SAYED @ Elayas.O.S, Presently Riat. No.149, 4th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Prakash Nagar VTC, Bangalore North, PO: Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021. My name mentioned in Passport AMEENUDDIN ELAYAS SAYED, in Educational documents AMEENUDDIN E.S & in if Surname is considered first then SAYED AMEENUDDIN ELAYAS is also correct, all the names belongs to me only one & the same person, vide affidavit dated 2.08.2020 sworn before notary R.S.Vijay, Bangalore-43

DECLARATION OF NAME

I, SYED MAHBOOB, S/o. Syed Abdul Subhan, presently Riat. No.7, old No. 42/1, 6th C Main, Bismillah Masjid Near Balaji Nagar, Bangalore South, Dharmaram College, Bangalore- 560029 submit that SYED MAHABOOB & SYED MAHBOOB, both names are belongs to me only & wherever SYED MAHABOOB appears should be changed as (correct name) SYED MAHBOOB in all official records, vide affidavit dated 14.08.2020 sworn before notary R.S.Vijay, Bangalore-43.

DECLARATION OF NAME

I, SABEEHA BEGUM, W/o. Syed Mahboob & D/o. Dadasaheb Narde, W/o. Abhinandan Bhupal Ask, aged about 32 years, D.O.B: 01.04.1988, Aadhaar No.590977142905, R/at No.59 A, 2nd Main, 3rd Stage, AECs Layout, RMV Extension, 2nd Stage, Sarjananagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560094. After marriage I have changed my name to "SWATI ASKI". Vide affidavit dated 03.09.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Aruna.V Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, "SWATI DADASAHEB NARDE", D/o. Dadasaheb Narde, W/o. Abhinandan Bhupal Ask, aged about 32 years, D.O.B: 01.04.1988, Aadhaar No.590977142905, R/at No.59 A, 2nd Main, 3rd Stage, AECs Layout, RMV Extension, 2nd Stage, Sarjananagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560094. After marriage I have changed my name to "SWATI ASKI". Vide affidavit dated 03.09.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Aruna.V Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MATCHA SANDHYA D/o. Suryalingam R/at. Quarter No.P-1/3, (Type 5), Gunata Vilhar, DGQA Residential Complex, Taralabalu Road, J.C.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560006 have changed my name from BUDEDA DURGA BHAVANI to MATCHA SANDHYA, vide affidavit dated 25.08.2020 sworn before notary H.S.Kalesh Aradhiya Bangalore-560040.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NISAR AHMED, S/o Hasain Sab R/at. No.85, 8th Main Road, Madarasab Layout, Bangalore Soith-560029. Have changed my name from NASIR AHMED KAYWAR HUSSAIN to NISAR AHMED S/o HUSAIN SAB, vide affidavit dated 29/08/2020 sworn before notary Chandrashekariah.S Bangalore- 560091.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K BHUPENDRA PANDEY, residing at Sri Sai Niwas, No. 1198, 9th B Cross, New Town, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064, have changed my son's name from LALITH ADITYA PANDEY (Old Name) to LALITADITYA B PANDEY (New Name) vide affidavit dated 31/08/2020 which was duly notarized before Notary Public KG Rajpal, Bangalore.

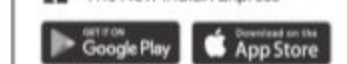
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I, M MOHAMMED SHAFIHAAD, Son of S Mohammed Mujeeb, Aged about 19 Years, Residing At #23/2, 2nd Cross, GC Colony, Queens Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051, Would Like to State That I Have Irretrievably Lost My Original 10th ICSE Pass Marks Card of St Mary's Public School Bearing Index Number/ Unique Id 6496463, School Code KA 038/ 1172097 Year of Passing-2017, And 12th Original Marks Card of Shaheen PU College With Index/ Registration Number 543936, Year of Passing 2019, While Travelling At Queens Road, Bangalore on The 5th of September 2020.

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DALAI LAMA

Centre likely to hike borrowing limit, again

The decision, however, will be taken after examining the speed and quantum of recovery by end of second quarter

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

WITH revenue collections seeing no signs of recovery, the government is considering options to borrow more money this fiscal year, beyond its revised target of ₹12 lakh crore.

According to sources in the finance ministry, the government has already extended its borrowing target for this fiscal year. However, they may extend it further if they feel there is an requirement. "The borrowing target has already been revised but this is not a normal year. The ministry is taking all the measures but if required,

we can consider borrowing more," a senior official from the finance ministry told *TNIE*.

The Union government has sharply raised its gross borrowing programme for this fiscal from the budgeted ₹7.8 lakh crore to ₹12 lakh crore, signalling a major slippage in fiscal deficit amid rising pressures on both revenue and expenditure because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Data released by the Controller General of Accounts revealed that the government's direct tax collection from April to July, stood at ₹1.49 lakh crore compared with ₹2.21 lakh crore



External debt spikes

Data suggests that in the April-July period, India borrowed a record ₹39,165 crore from agencies to meet its expenses, primarily the various stimulus announced to beat Covid-19.

in the previous year. And while the total receipts for the first quarter of the fiscal stood at ₹2.32 lakh crore, the expenditure was ₹10.54 lakh crore, which is 34.7 per cent of budget estimate, despite all the austerity measures employed by the government to keep expenditure under cap.

However the official added, that the decision would be taken only after seeing the path of recovery in the second quarter. "Everything will depend on the quantum and speed of recovery by the end of the second quarter. The ministry will take stock of borrowing

requirement after seeing the results," the official added. Any spike in borrowing can further push fiscal deficit targets of the government, which experts are claiming may even exceed beyond seven per cent this year.

Meanwhile, the government has already started tapping into external sources of borrowing. Data suggests that in the April-July period, India borrowed a record ₹39,165 crore from multilateral agencies to meet its expenses on account of the various stimulus announced to handle the economic stress induced by Covid-19.



Our finance/legal teams are working hard to take us to IPO sometime in the first half of next year. We hope to create a lot of value for our current employees

Deepinder Goyal, CEO, Zomato

Zomato plans to file for IPO in first half of 2021

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ONLINE food delivery major, Zomato could be India's first consumer tech start-up to go public. In a letter to his employees, CEO Deepinder Goyal has talked about his plans to launch an IPO in the early half of 2021.

The company is currently in the process of raising \$600 million in an ongoing funding round in which American investment firm Tiger Global infused \$100 million and Singapore-based Temasek Holdings has put another \$62 million. The fundraising spree began in January 2020 when Alibaba's investment arm, Ant Financial had announced to invest \$150 million in the food tech firm. However, due to the ensuing

Indo-Chinese tensions, Ant Financial recently said that it may have to re-evaluate its funding strategy in India due to India's new FDI regulations. It currently has 25 per cent stake in the Gurgaon-headquartered firm.

Meanwhile, Zomato plans to raise \$30 million from the share sales of ex-employees to meet the liquidity challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, although with the ongoing fundraise the company will have a healthy cash-flow, Goyal stated in his letter. He further added that the company is also working towards achieving profitability and a monthly cash burn of \$1 million with revenues back to 60 per cent of the pre-Covid levels for the upcoming quarters.

Fiscal woes to worsen as tax revenue stares at contraction in 2020-21

SUNITHA NATTI

FOR the first time in decades, gross tax revenue is likely to contract in FY21, if economic projections are anything to go by. Not surprisingly, the sharper the GDP contracts in FY21, the deeper will be the decline in tax collections. Economists who fashioned various scenarios — baseline, pessimistic and optimistic — project the contraction well above five per cent.

While Ila Patnaik and Rajeswari Sengupta in a paper for the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research found that in a baseline case, net tax revenue (excluding states share) will contract 14.4 per cent, Anubhuti Sahay, Head, South Asia Economic Research (India), Standard Chartered believes tax revenue will shrink by at least 5.7 per cent. Pre-Covid, the government had set FY21 gross tax collection target at ₹24 lakh crore, up from the previous year's ₹21.63 lakh crore, translating to a 12 per cent growth assuming a nominal GDP growth of 10 per cent. Within this, personal income taxes and corporate taxes were to grow by 14 and 12 per cent respectively.

Patnaik's paper assumes the reduction in revenue including tax collections and other proceeds will be sharper even without additional spending. They expect, in a baseline case, corporate taxes could fall by 17.6 per cent,

income taxes 7 per cent and GST 4 per cent. Custom duties and union excise duties by 20 and 22.2 per cent, respectively. Budget estimates of direct tax revenue for FY21 of ₹16.3 lakh crore were already ambitious target over the previous year's revised estimates of ₹15 lakh crore. Now, both nominal GDP and tax revenue are expected to be lower, they concluded.

Based on tax revenue trends so far, Sahay assumes a 5.7 per cent contraction in combined gross tax collection. This is equivalent to 3.4 per cent of GDP deviation from the budgeted fiscal deficit and could be larger, but will likely be offset by higher taxes on retail fuel.

"In a worst-case scenario, assuming a 6 per cent contraction in nominal GDP, a 11 per cent decline in tax collection and lower-than-expected non-tax/divestment proceeds, the revenue shortfall could increase to 6 per cent of GDP widening the fiscal deficit," she added.

Notwithstanding the gradual opening up of the economy barring state-level lockdowns, economists believe the fall in production, trade and consumption of goods and services will persist due to supply chain bottlenecks and demand compression. It means, tax collections will decidedly fall. In fact, they have been missing estimates for three years in a row. This shortfall led to the government missing its fiscal deficit target, although by a short mile.

Diesel demand tanks in August due to fresh state lockdowns

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DATA on fuel demand for August shows clear indications that renewed lockdowns across several states resulted in a sharp decline in consumption. While demand for petrol and diesel is yet to recover to pre-Covid levels after the precipitous fall recorded in April, on a month-on-month basis, demand had showed a positive trend after the government began easing restrictions in May.

However, data from the Union Petroleum Ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) released on Thursday shows that beginning July, demand for the freight transport fuel-of-choice—diesel—has continued to trend downward. Diesel consumption,

The upcoming festival season may begin boosting demand... How diesel sales trend from now on will also have to do with whether Covid-19 cases do not rise too high

Senior oil marketing official

which had crashed to 3.2 million tonnes (MMT) in April, had risen to 6.3 MMT in June. But July and August have recorded sales of only 5.5 MMT and 4.8 MMT respectively.

The demand trajectory is marginally better for petrol. From a record low of 0.97 MMT in April, consumption rose to 2.28 MMT in June. However, unlike diesel, while July saw a dip back to 2.26 MMT, demand rose in August to 2.3 MMT.

Indiabulls Housing sells stake in OakNorth Holding

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INDIABULLS Housing Finance Limited (IHFL) on Thursday said it has sold a portion of its stake in OakNorth Holding Ltd to Boston-based investment firm HighSage Ventures LLC for ₹440 crore. OakNorth Holding is parent company of UK bank OakNorth Bank.

The company said it also plans to conclude a few other transactions on the partial stake sale in OakNorth Bank over the next few days.

"The divestments in OakNorth Bank will result in boosting capital adequacy ratio (CRAR) and shall free up capital to grow the loan book of the Company," IHFL said in a statement. OakNorth Bank was launched in September 2015 and the IHFL had invested ₹663 crore in November 2015 for a 40 per cent stake in the bank.

Meanwhile, OakNorth started addressing the mid-market funding gap in the UK, a business similar to loans against property business that Indiabulls carry out in India.

Two-thirds of Crisil-rated companies qualify for loan recast

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NEARLY 66 per cent of the companies rated by Crisil will be eligible for a one-time debt restructuring, considering the financial benchmarks set by the RBI-appointed Kamath Committee. The domestic ratings agency said it has studied the rated portfolio of 8,500 companies, excluding

financial sector firms and small and medium-sized firms, after sorting them by ratings, sector and moratorium availed.

"At an aggregate Crisil portfolio level, two out of three companies were found eligible for restructuring," said Subodh Rai, senior director, Crisil. He further added that three out of four investment-grade companies (rated Crisil BBB- or high-

er) and one out of two in the BB rating category qualify for restructuring of bank loans.

However, in the Crisil B category, only one in three qualify because these companies tend to have relatively weak debt protection metrics. Broadly, companies belonging to "resilient" sectors — such as construction, iron and steel, manufacturing, chemicals,

pharmaceuticals, corporate retail and consumer durables have a higher ratio of companies qualifying for loan recast.

Among the weaker sections are residential real estate, power generation, gems and jewellery, auto dealership, sugar, the hospitality and tourism sectors. The number of firms being eligible may rise as the situation on ground evolves.

UNITED AIRLINES PLANS NON-STOP FLIGHTS TO INDIA

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AMERICAN carrier United Airlines on Thursday announced two new, non-stop services between India and the United States. Starting in December 2020, United will fly daily between New Delhi and Chicago and starting Spring 2021, daily between Bengaluru and San Francisco, the first-ever nonstop service between Bengaluru and the US. Together with the airline's existing services from New Delhi and Mumbai to New York/Newark and New Delhi to San Francisco, United will offer more nonstop services from India than any other US carrier, it said.

ENERGY

Power demand in Sept crosses pre-Covid mark

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER the pandemic brought industrial power demand crashing down in late-March and April, the gradual resumption of economic activity has seen consumption rising steadily.

On September 9, peak power demand metrics, according to data from POSOCO's national load despatch center, crossed the level set the previous year for the first time since the crash in April.

Peak power demand is defined at the largest amount of power supplied at any point during the day or period. During August, this figure had stood at 167.49 GW compared to 177.52 GW during the same month the previous year. July peak power demand fell to 170.54 GW from 175.12 GW last year, while in June the decline had been to 164.98 GW from 182.45 GW. In May, peak power demand met stood at 166.22 GW, 8.9 per cent less than 182.53 GW in the year-ago period. April had seen the worst fall due to the near-total lockdown, going from 176.81 GW to 132.73 GW, a decline of around 25 per cent. The nationwide lockdown resulted in poor demand April onwards.

UCO Bank cuts MCLR by five basis points

State-owned UCO Bank reduced its marginal cost of fund based lending rate (MCLR) by five basis points effective Thursday. The bank slashed its one-year MCLR to 7.35 per cent from 7.4 per cent and it would be the same for all tenors, the lender said in a release. The revised overnight, one-month, three-months and six-months tenor MCLR now stands at 6.75 per cent, 6.9 per cent, 7 per cent and 7.25 per cent, respectively. As a result, all MCLR-linked loans will become cheaper now.



NLCIL hands over BLS ambulances to district administration

NLCIL, Neyveli has been supporting the district administration in containing Covid-19 through various measures under CSR. Considering the request from Cuddalore District Administration, ten Basic Life Support hired Ambulances were spared on 24x7 basis initially for a period of 3 months at a cost of ₹45 lakh. CMD Rakesh Kumar, and District Collector Chandrasekar Sakhamuri, I.A.S., flagged off the ambulances.

NLCIL headmistress wins award

M. Senthamarai, headmistress of NLC Girls' Higher Secondary School, has been honoured with Dr Radhakrishnan Best Teacher Award by the Tamil Nadu State Government. The NLCIL-run Girls Higher Secondary School is situated in Block-II of Neyveli Township. At a function held in Cuddalore, District Collector Chandra Sekhar Sakhamuri presented the award in recognition of her exemplary contribution to education.

PSPCL chief appreciates services of its field officers

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) CMD A.Venu Prasad has appreciated the services and efforts of its field officers/officials for providing uninterrupted 24x7 power supply to all kinds of health care institutions, hospitals and quarantine centers, since lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic. CMD said PSPCL has been providing 8 hours uninterrupted power supply daily to its 14 lakh agricultural tubewell consumers during paddy season and 24 hours uninterrupted power supply to other categories of consumers.

Business & Beyond

CLW produces 100th electric locomotive

The 100th loco no WAG9HC (32904) was despatched from the CLW siding by Praveen Kumar Mishra, general manager, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works. Despite lockdown in April & May and Covid-19 related instructions, the first 50 locos were produced in 70 working days, while the next 50 locos have been produced in only 32 working days. As such, 100 locomotives have been produced in 102 working days so far this year, as against 100 locomotives produced in 97 days in FY20. CLW has created a world record by producing 431 electric locomotives in 2019-20, the company said.



SER runs 3,992 trips of parcel express trains

Indian Railways is poised to fight against the coronavirus pandemic by adopting various measures including movement of Time Tabled Parcel Express Trains for maintaining uninterrupted supply of essential commodities to every nook and corner of the country in the wake of Covid-19. As a part of commitment to the nation, South Eastern Railway (SER) has run 3,992 trips of Time Tabled Parcel Express Trains carrying essential commodities viz., food items, groceries, medicines, medical equipments, fish, fruits, cotton goods, gunny bags, vegetables, onion, ginger, garlic and other daily need items across India between April 2 and August 31.



Former champion Sebastian Vettel has signed for Racing Point for the 2021 season "and beyond", the British F1 outfit announced Thursday. Signing Vettel was "a clear signal" to the racing world, said Racing Point, which will take the Aston Martin name next year after owner Lawrence Stroll's investment in the British brand.

Covid +ve players' rehab plan soon?

SAI likely to introduce fresh monitoring and training guidelines for gradual return of athletes infected by virus

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

GENERAL fatigue. Weakness. Even thrombosis, a condition that was reported by hockey player Surender Kumar a couple of weeks ago. After coming back from hospital, he had to be hospitalised again as thrombosis can develop into something serious. These are some complaints sportspersons have been highlighting after recovering from Covid-19. It may not sound alarming, but if doctors are to be believed, athletes who are returning from a bout of infection need to be monitored closely for any signs of adverse

affect, especially in relation to their lungs and cardiac functions. It will be a gradual process and will be monitored by physicians and experts.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) that has been running national camps in a few centres have felt the need to introduce a fresh set of rules to help athletes recuperate and return to full fitness without complications. Since as many as 13 athletes have been affected after resumption of camps, there is no such rules detailing athletes' recovery. Studies have indicated that

cardio-respiratory issues might affect rehabilitation of athletes. It's understood that the SAI, in consultation with sports medicine experts, has come up with eight-ten points that the athletes must adhere to while making a comeback. A doctor will monitor their health parameters and depending on the recovery, it may extend to 3-6 months. It will also depend on what kind of sport one pursues.

It is learnt that the athletes would be categorised as non-symptomatic and symptomatic. For non-symptomatic, the

rules will be different but close monitoring will be there. For symptomatic, it is further divided into two — mild and severe. It will be addressed on a case to case basis. Players needing more time to recover in the hospital would be monitored closely for a longer period.

Assessment may vary but certain parameters would be common for all. It is understood that physical examination and cardio-vascular assessment have been recommended by experts before starting practice. ECG and echocardiography, lung function and other respiratory

symptoms would be checked. Athletes would be given a time-frame in which they can start training after infections subside and that will depend on their severity.

At least 13 athletes in hockey, wrestling and badminton are infected. It is learnt that experts have advised that since effect on athletes are not yet established, all who have been affected should be monitored. There have been suggestions that psychological help should be provided for athletes who might feel a sense of isolation or loneliness during long quarantine period.

BADMINTON

No selection trials, TUC teams picked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

FINALLY, after much deliberation, the Badminton Association of India on Thursday announced that the selection trials and a preparatory camp for the Thomas and Uber Cup Final will not be held in Hyderabad. As pointed out by this newspaper on Tuesday, the BAI said there will not be enough time to conduct the camp if Sports Authority of India's quarantine protocol is followed.

A 20-member men's and women's team has been announced for the Thomas and Uber Cup Final without trials and all members have been asked to train wherever they are. As reported by this newspaper, the BAI had already advised players who had not travelled to Hyderabad to stay put and continue training. The camp was supposed to begin on Monday and trials on September 17. After two days of meeting between all stakeholders, BAI decided to put off the trials and select the team.

Interestingly, SAI said in a statement that the camp was called off because some players refused to join.

A six-member team has also been announced for the Denmark Open (October 13-18) and Denmark Masters (October 20-25). The shuttlers could be the first team to participate in any international event after lockdown. It is understood that discussions are on to see if players would be asked to assemble at one centre before flying out to Denmark on September 27 or they would be advised to



Page grab of TNIE's report on Tuesday on the badminton camp

SQUADS

Thomas Cup: Kidambi Srikanth, Parupalli Kashyap, Lakshya Sen, Subhankar Dey, Siril Verma, Manu Attri, B. Sumesh Reddy, MR Arjun, Dhruv Kapila, Krishna Prasad Garaga.

Uber Cup: PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal, Aakrushi Kashyap, Malvika Bansod, Ashwini Ponnappa, N. Sikki Reddy, Poja Dandu, Sanjana Santosh, Poorvisha S. Ram, Jakkampudi Meghana.

Denmark Open and Denmark Masters: Kidambi Srikanth, Saina Nehwal, Lakshya Sen, Ashwini Ponnappa, PV Sindhu, N. Sikki Reddy.

board flights from their respective destinations.

World champion PV Sindhu and London Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal will be spearheading the women's challenge while Kidambi Srikanth will lead the men's team. Sai Praneeth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will be missing the events.

In Thomas Cup, India are in Group C with hosts Denmark, Germany and Algeria. In Uber Cup, India are in Group D with China, Germany and France. China, however, has not confirmed participation as of now.

EXPRESS READ

Former India captain Dravid launches CABI president's autobiography 'Eye Opener'



BENGALURU: Former India captain Rahul Dravid launched the autobiography of G.K. Mahantesh, president of Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), in a virtual launch on Thursday. The book, which is titled 'Eye Opener', reflects on the inspiring story of Mahantesh, who is visually challenged. It has been

co-authored by veteran journalist Satish Vishwanathan. "Eye Opener is an inspiration to the entire society. It is a fascinating story, a story waiting to be written, needed to be written and the time has come to record decades of achievements," said Dravid.

Rhodes to be head coach of Sweden

STOCKHOLM: Former South Africa international Jonty Rhodes will be moving to Sweden with his family after the IPL to take charge as head coach of the country's national team, the Swedish Cricket Federation (SCF) has announced. The 51-year-old is currently in Dubai for the 13th edition of IPL as the fielding coach of Kings XI Punjab.

'Vaccine not a silver bullet to stage Games'

LAUSSANE: Amid uncertainty about planning the Olympics, IOC president Thomas Bach said that progress with vaccines and rapid testing for Covid-19 would not be the complete answer for staging the rescheduled games. "They will not be the silver bullet but they can greatly facilitate the organization of the games," Bach said on Thursday.

Thiem sets up semis date with Medvedev

AFP @New York

SERENA Williams battled into a US Open semifinal showdown with Victoria Azarenka on Wednesday as top men's seeds Dominic Thiem and Daniil Medvedev booked their spots in the last four.

Williams, seeded third, came from a set down to overcome unseeded Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova and keep alive her bid for a 24th singles Slam title at Flushing Meadows.

Later, Azarenka blew away Belgium's Elise Mertens as she continues her hunt for a first Grand Slam title in seven years.

Williams' comeback included two astonishing shots with her left hand that contributed to winning points. "At that point I was fighting so hard. I was just trying to do everything I can whether righty or lefty," she said.

A sluggish start saw the

RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Men's: Daniil Medvedev (RUS x3) bt Andrey Rublev (RUS x10) 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 7-6 (7/5). Dominic Thiem (AUT x2) bt Alex De Minaur (AUS x21) 6-1, 6-2, 6-4. **Women's:** Serena Williams (USA x3) bt Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Victoria Azarenka (BLR) bt Elise Mertens (BEL x16) 6-1, 6-0.

American lose the first 6-4, but she fought back to take the next two 6-3, 6-2, in 2hr 12min.

Williams smashed 20 aces, the most she has had in eight years, taking her tally for the tournament to 64 so far.

In the men's draw, Russia's third seed Medvedev downed compatriot and childhood friend Andrey Rublev 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 7-6 (7/5). Medvedev will play second seed Thiem who demolished Australia's Alex de Minaur; seeded 21st, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 on Thursday morning.



This is the first time Dominic Thiem has entered the last four of US Open | AFP

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ADMISSION NOTICE FOR NEXT BATCH

Online applications are invited from Graduates for Civil Services Residential Coaching Institute at Haj House, Mumbai, for the academic year 2020-21, from **10th September, 2020 to 10th October, 2020**. Application form and details available on www.hajcommittee.gov.in

(Dr. Maqsood Ahmed Khan)
Chief Executive Officer
Haj Committee of India

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED, VIJAYAWADA
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The APTRANSCO invites online Bids under e-procurement for supply of following equipment.

Sl. No.	Tender Specification No.	Description of the equipment	Quantity in Nos
1	PMM21-e-24/2020	Lot-I : 220 KV PTs	56
2		Lot-II : (i) 132 KV PTs	77
3		Lot-III : (ii) 132 KV Metering PTs	6
		Lot-III: 33 KV PTs	125

Tenderers can have further details and download the tender schedule from e-procurement platform i.e., www.tender.apereprocurement.gov.in.
Contact Nos: Chief Engineer/ Transmission-0866-2429230, Extns: 2014, 2034, 2208 & 2206 **Sd/- Chief Engineer/Transmission**
DIPR No.314PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt. 10/09/2020

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स्कूल ऑफ नर्सिंग, केन्द्रीय चिकित्सालय, धनबाद
नामांकन सूचना (डि.जि.एन.एम. पाठ्यक्रम)

सूचित किया जाता है कि पूर्व में निर्गत नामांकन सूचना (संदर्भ - बीसीसीएल/सीएचडी/स्कूल ऑफ नर्सिंग/2020/544, दिनांक 29.06.2020) जो कि केन्द्रीय चिकित्सालय, धनबाद के द्वारा स्कूल ऑफ नर्सिंग केन्द्रीय चिकित्सालय में नामांकन हेतु निर्गत की गयी थी, उसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से स्थगित किया जाता है तथा यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कोर्स में (डि. जि. एन. एम. पाठ्यक्रम) नामांकन की अगली सूचना प्रबंधन द्वारा अलग से निर्गत की जायेगी। उपरोक्त पत्रांक के अन्तर्गत जिन आवेदनकों ने अपना आवेदन समर्पित कर दिया है उन्हें पुनः आवेदन समर्पित करने की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी। यहाँ यह भी सूचित करना है कि जिन आवेदकों को प्रवेश पत्र प्राप्त हो चुका है वे भविष्य में होने वाली नामांकन प्रक्रिया के लिए मान्य होगा और उनके द्वारा अलग से आवेदन देने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। इस संबंध में, पूर्व सूचित नामांकन परीक्षा जो दिनांक 14.09.2020 को आयोजित की जाती थी उसे भी स्थगित किया जाता है।

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TENDER NOTICE
Competitive tenders in two parts (Commercial & Price part- BOQ) are invited from experienced contractors/agencies through e-procurement for the following works.

No	Tender ID	Work Description
1.	2020_KMML_382727	Mining the inland deposits south of old PCP-I at Ponmana and economic way of loading, transporting to the premises of PCP-II SITE/M.S. UNIT as per tender.
2.	2020_KMML_382725	Economic way of loading and transportation of tailings sand in tippers from PCP-II tailings dump site to mined out pits at Ponmana & levelling as per tender.
3.	2020_KMML_383894	Operation and maintenance of pre-concentration PLANT-II (PCP-II) at Anjumanakkal and transporting the pre-concentrates to MS UNIT as per tender.

Tender documents and further details are available in the e-tendering portal, <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in>, of the Govt. of Kerala. Any Amendment/Compendium for the above tenders shall be notified through above web site & company's web site only.
Chavara
10.09.2020
Sd/ Asst. General Manager & HOD (MS) for Managing Director

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMARAJANAGARA
NO:CMC/CHN/T.S/1E/TN -74/2020-21, Date:09.09.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

The commissioner, City Municipal Council Chamarajanagar invites e-procurement tender from contractors as per KW-3 Tender documents. Work details as given below.

Sl No	Name of work	Tender amount (Rs. In lakhs)	EMD amount (Rs. In lakhs)
1	DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK IDNT104508	90.60 (annual)	1.812

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender, contractors can download the documents from e-procurements platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in EMD and tender tender processing fees shall be paid electronically.

Calendars of Events

1	Last date for receiving tender	23.09.2020 upto 5.30 pm
2	Date of opening of tenders technical bids	25.09.2020 at 11.00 am

SD/- COMMISSIONER
CMC, CHAMARAJANAGAR
DIPR:CHANAR:258:2020-21

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U05110KA1970SGC001919

No.A7 M1 A/Tenders/MMHP/1425 & 1428 Date: 08.09.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Scaled tenders are invited for "Supply of materials Sl.No. (1) Auto battery, heavy duty fan, rubber mats, battery terminal cleaner & battery charger. Sl.No. (2) Gear pump & Hydraulic Control valves, required for Maintenance work at Malaprabha Mini Hydel Plant Saudatti, as per the enclosed technical specification" Cost of Tender form: Rs. 105/- for Sl.No.(1) & (2) for each. EMD: for Sl.No.(1) Rs. 3,185/-, for Sl.No. (2) EMD: Rs.3,010/-.

Blank tender documents will be issued from 09.09.2020 to 06.10.2020, 13.00 Hrs. on payment of prescribed tender cost indicated as above (Rs.100/- extra for each enquiry if required to be sent by post) through Demand Draft favouring Assistant General Manager (Finance), KPCL, Ambikanagar drawn on any scheduled bank payable at Ambikanagar/Dandeli. KPCL does not accept any responsibility for late receipt/non-receipt of tenders sent by post. Completed tenders will be received up to 16.00 hrs on 06.10.2020 and will be opened on the same day at 16.30 hrs. Further information if required can be had from the Executive Engineer (MSP)-A, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581 363 (NK) Dist. Contact No.08284-258681. Mob:9449599113.

KARNATAKA STATE BEVERAGES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
4th Floor, TTMC Building "A" Block, BMTC Building, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Ph: 22483636/38/39 Fax: 22483645 / 22113106
Ref. No: KSBCL/MP/PRN-CART/TVS/Re-Tender/006 Date:11.09.2020

Re-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited (KSBCL) invites online tender under KTPP Act 1999, Rules 2000 from the interested bidders for "Rate Contract for Supply of Original Ribbon Cartridges for TVSE Platina DP 5000 Dot Matrix Printers to KSBCL Head Office & Depots. The detailed tender documents can be downloaded from eprocurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> and also from corporation's website <http://www.ksbcl.com> under tab what's new. (1) Last date and time for receipt for offers: 25.09.2020, 17:00 Hours. (2) Date and Time of opening of Offers: 28.09.2020, 11:30 Hours. For further clarifications, please contact the above mentioned office during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Director, (Finance & Admin)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)
No. SEE/Tr(W&M)/C/MBR/EE(O)/AEE-2T-64/2012/2560-68 Date: 09.09.2020
KPTCL invites Tenders for the following works.

- 1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/MBR/20-21/Shift Duties/Package-1, Dated: 25.08.2020. Tender for the work of "providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 220kV /110kV/66kV Sub-stations as per Annexure-1, Package-1".
- 2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/MBR/20-21/Shift Duties/Package-2 Dated: 25.08.2020. Tender for the work of "providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 220kV /110kV/66kV Sub-stations as per Annexure-1, Package-2".
- 3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/MBR/20-21/Shift Duties/Package-3 Dated: 25.08.2020. Tender for the work of "providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 220kV /110kV/66kV Sub-stations as per Annexure-1, Package-3".
- 4) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/MBR/20-21/Shift Duties/Package-4 Dated: 25.08.2020. Tender for the work of "providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 220kV /110kV/66kV Sub-stations as per Annexure-1, Package-4".
- 5) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/MBR/20-21/Shift Duties/Package-5 Dated: 25.08.2020. Tender for the work of "providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 220kV /110kV/66kV Sub-stations as per Annexure-1, Package-5".
- 6) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/MBR/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/PTK/INTER_TOWER_MRB-HAGARI_CALL3 Dated:09.09.2020. Tender for the work of "Providing an intermediate 110kV tower for removing hazardous condition in 110kV tap line from Munirabad-Hagari line to 110kV Sub-station Ballari(South) line at location No. between 22 & 24 in TLM Section, Ballari of TLM Sub-division Munirabad coming under jurisdiction of TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Munirabad on Partial turnkey basis.

Tenders will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiries in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> on hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or directly logging on to website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 11.09.2020 at 11:30 Hrs. Details can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Electy., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad.

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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

1. The Tender due dates are extended as follows:

- 1) Tender No.PKG1/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/RAD/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Digital X-ray Machine (4), Digital Radiography with Fluoroscopy (8), Mobile X-ray -100 mA (9), Computed Radiography Machine (5) & C-Arm Machine (19)
- 2) Tender No.PKG2/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/MAM/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Digital Mammography System (3)
- 3) Tender No.PKG3/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/USG/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Ultrasound Machine (5), Ultrasonogram Colour Doppler with 3 probes (18) & Portable Ultrasound Machine (6)
- 4) Tender No.PKG6/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/OPE-I/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Multipara Monitor (4), Multiparamonitor with IBP (4), Multiparamonitor with ETCO2 (18), Defibrillator (15), Anesthesia Work Station with monitor (18), Anesthesia Workstation (20), Operation Theatre fracture Table (with ortho attachment, C-arm compatible) (17) & Operation Theatre Table (with General Surgery attachment) (10)
- 5) Tender No.PKG7/ICB/TNUHP/JICA/C2/OPE-II/TNMSC/ENGG/2020, dt.04.02.2020 - Operation Theatre LED light (18)

Sl. No.	Sale period	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
1	Upto 13.10.2020	14.10.2020, 11:00 AM	14.10.2020, 12:00 PM
2	Upto 15.10.2020	16.10.2020, 12:00 PM	16.10.2020, 01:00 PM
3	Upto 15.10.2020	16.10.2020, 03:00 PM	16.10.2020, 04:00 PM
4	Upto 19.10.2020	20.10.2020, 03:00 PM	20.10.2020, 04:00 PM
5	Upto 19.10.2020	20.10.2020, 11:00 AM	20.10.2020, 12:00 PM

For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website www.tnpsc.tn.gov.in.
DIPR/3396/Tender/2020
General Manager (Equipment)

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BDA Outer Ring Road, Mallathahally, Bengaluru - 560 056
Tel - 23211232, Fax No (080) 23217789

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

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While parts of India are gearing up to partially open schools from September 21, many other countries have already done so and have had mixed results. Here are the takeaways from the reopening experiments done by various countries and the lessons they offer to our policymakers

OPEN QUESTION

THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

This map shows the status of school systems around the world based on UNESCO data. Post-reopening experiences of selected countries are explained below

■ FULLY OPEN ■ PARTIALLY OPEN ■ CLOSED ■ ACADEMIC BREAK

Nations that have reopened safely

Some Scandinavian countries reopened with strict rules, and have had no outbreaks tied to schools

Israel managed to control its Covid-19 outbreak early, in May, and pushed ahead with school reopenings. But the government was forced to shut many schools a few weeks later when cases increased rapidly among students and teachers. Later, older people got infected too

Kenya The country took the extreme step of cancelling the academic year and telling students they have to repeat it — the only nation to do so. Kenya said this was to give a level playing field for those cannot access remote learning

Mexico The federal government signed a \$20 million deal with TV networks to broadcast study programmes, as 94% of families in the country of 126 million have TVs

United Kingdom Since classes resumed in Aug and Sep, 62 schools in Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England have reported coronavirus cases, with many institutions now closed again

United States Schools have reopened without taking adequate precautions, especially in states such as Florida, where infections rates are too high. In one summer camp in the Georgia in June, half of the 364 children attending tested positive. Photographs of maskless school students in hallways have been shared widely on social media. Students and staff have tested positive in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Tennessee, forcing such states to close schools that had reopened

France France has closed 22 of its 62,000 schools since in-person classes resumed last week. Overall, schools have reported 250 suspected cases per day since Sep 1, when they reopened for the first time

1 Punjab

Schools won't be reopened now as cases are still increasing, said School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla

As every class has over 80 kids, downsizing classes will force the teacher to repeat a lecture several times

Anupam, a Class XII teacher

2 Rajasthan

The state government has refrained from giving any official response to the SOPs from the central government

It is too early to call students to school. We have to wait till the Covid-19 curve flattens

C K Punnoose, a senior teacher

6 Madhya Pradesh

The state government is yet to take a call on allowing limited reopening under the SOPs

The SOPs are shocking at a time when the Covid-19 curve is actually peaking

Anurodh Jain, head of Parents Association in Indore

14 Maharashtra

School Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad said they there were no clear guidelines for reopening the schools physically after studying the central government's SOPs. She said the state government is being cautious as the pandemic is not yet over

4 Tamil Nadu

The state's school education minister KA Sengottaiyan has said that any decision on reopening of schools shall be taken only after there is some relief from the pandemic

When they resume, classes should be in batches of 10-12 students

PK Ilamaram, president of the Tamil Nadu Teachers' Association

10. Jharkhand 11. Bihar 12. West Bengal 13. Assam

5 Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand is following the SOPs of the central government

The situation is more risky than ever. I would prefer my child to take online classes than going to school

Vinay Sheel Sharma, father of a Class II student

9 Karnataka

The state will issue its own SOPs in a few days. It has told all schools to complete admission by Sep 30. Minister of primary and secondary education S Suresh Kumar said the state is already arranging regular student-teacher interaction for all classes

7 Telangana

R Rohini, District Education Officer of Hyderabad, said no decision has been taken yet

Parents don't want kids to go to school. We know what happened with US schools

MA Hussain Sohail, head of a parents' association in the state

15 Andhra Pradesh

Principal Secretary (Education) B Rajasekhara said reopening plans are being chalked out

All students of class 9 to 12 should not be allowed to attend classes in one go

Prof Narava Prakasa Rao, state convener of Right To Education

16 Chhattisgarh

A government statement said the SOPs are being considered

The schools are seeking an affidavit from parents, that means they will not take responsibility

Jawahar Suriseti, a noted academician

17 Uttar Pradesh

The state is following the SOPs from the Union government

Given the rising cases, we can't even think of sending our wards to schools. My son has to take 12th board exams but I would not send him

Geetika Dixit, a parent



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A mahout feeds elephants at Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park in Ranchi district, Jharkhand, on Thursday | PH

American spacecraft named after Kalpana Chawla

SPACEFLIGHT

WASHINGTON: American commercial cargo spacecraft bound for the International Space Station has been named after fallen NASA astronaut Kalpana Chawla, the first India-born woman to enter space, for her key contributions to human spaceflight.

Northrop Grumman, an American global aerospace and defence technology company, announced that its next Cygnus capsule will be named the "S.S. Kalpana Chawla", in memory of the mission specialist who died with her six crewmates aboard the space shuttle Columbia in 2003.

"Today we honour Kalpana Chawla, who made history at NASA as the first female astronaut of Indian descent. Her contributions to human spaceflight have had a lasting impact," the company tweeted on Wednesday.

"Northrop Grumman is proud to name the NG-14 Cygnus spacecraft after former astronaut Kalpana Chawla. It is the

company's tradition to name each Cygnus after an individual who has played a pivotal role in human spaceflight," the company said on its website.

"Chawla was selected in honour of her prominent place in history as the first woman of Indian descent to go to space," it said. "While Chawla made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the space programme, her legacy lives on through her fellow astronauts and those she has inspired to follow in her footsteps."

"Her final research conducted onboard Columbia helped us understand astronaut health and safety during spaceflight. Northrop Grumman is proud to celebrate the life of Kalpana Chawla and her dream of flying through the air and in space," it said. The S S Kalpana Chawla capsule is scheduled to launch on the NG-14 mission atop a Northrop Grumman Antares rocket from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia on September 29.



Shortage of N95 masks still a problem, say US medics

FRESNO: White House officials say US hospitals have all the medical supplies needed to battle the deadly virus, but frontline health care workers, hospital officials and even the Food and Drug Administration say shortages persist.

Critical shortfalls of medical N95 respirators — commonly referred to as N95 masks — and other protective gear started in March, when the pandemic hit New York. Pressure on the medical supply chain continues today, and in

"many ways things have only gotten worse," the American Medical Association's president, Dr. Susan Bailey, said in a recent statement. "N95s are still in a shortage," said Mike Schiller, the American Hospital Association's senior di-

rector for supply chains. "It's certainly not anywhere near pre-COVID levels."

Early in the pandemic the White House failed to heed stark warnings — specifically about N95s — from high-level administration officials.

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